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By FERDIE DE LA TORRE



Questions on salary hikes

placed under advisement

ustices of the CNMI Supreme Court have placed under advisement the certified questions raised about the salary increases that the Legislature had approved for some elected officials.

After listening to arguments last Friday, CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Cas-

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'CPA owes CUC close to \$23M'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

REPORTER

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) disclosed Friday that the Commonwealth Ports Authority owes the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. over \$23 million as of Dec. 31, 2017.

Igisomar, who chairs the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications, said during Friday's Senate ses-

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HEALTH FAIR

Nursing students from the Northern Marianas College volunteer their services during the annual Lion's Club district region annual health fair last Sunday at the Mount Carmel Diocese's social hall. The students helped with of blood pressure and blood

Qi was not high level Beilida staff'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

One of the five who were indicted for allegedly harboring illegal Chinese workers was not a high level employee of

an ordinary worker.

Attorney Steven P. Pixley, counsel for defendant Xiufang Qi, pointed this out to counter allegations that his client was a Beilida supervisor.

Beilida, a construction jing Beilida, but was merely Nanjing, China, was engaged

in building Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's casino and resort in Garapan, the Imperial Pacific Resort.

In response to the U.S. Probation Office's presentence investigation report about Qi,

WICHE: 145 residents saved \$1.5M

BOULDER, CO—A total of 145 residents from the CNMI and Guam saved \$1.5 million on out-of-state tuition through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

The CNMI saw a 61-per-

>> Student savings surpass \$400M for **WICHE tuition-discount programs**

ate Exchange participation.

programs broaden the afford- Hofschneider, who is also able higher education options the WICHE commissioner. construction company Nan- company headquartered in Pixley said that she worked at cent year-over-year increase in for our residents, helping them See QI on Page 4 | WICHE Western Undergradugradugraduate with less debt and

ultimately strengthening our "WICHE's discount-tuition workforce." said Sen. Jude "These programs help our col-

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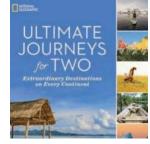
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Saipan Tribune today comes out today with a guide on how to celebrate Valentine's Day.

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Romantic getaways for Valentine's Day or other occasions.

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An army of drones for the opening ceremony of the Olympics was grounded.

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Local

Senate amends supplemental appropriation bill

\$5M in infra funds for the CNMI

WASHINGTON—U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Doug Domenech has approved \$5 million in Capital Infrastructure Program grant funding to the CNMI for fiscal year 2018.

The funding provided will be used to support the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in meeting court-stipulated requirements.

Funds this year will be used toward the planning, design, and installation of new systems, equipment, and practices to improve management of nonhazardous solid and liquid waste materials at power plants 1 and 2 on Saipan.

The project will also consider the possibility of accepting some waste materials from the Rota power plant.

"The Department of the Interior is pleased to provide continued support to Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres and his administration in meeting requirements that will continue the necessary work of improving infrastructure and safety, as well as meeting environmental standards necessary to protect the public," said Domenech.

This is the fourth and final year of funding support provided through the Office of Insular Affairs in support of the CNMI government meeting Stipulated Order No. 2 originally entered by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands on March 11, 2009. The 2009 order required certain projects, many infrastructure-related, to be completed relating to spill prevention, preparedness, and response.

Public Law 104-134, enacted in 1996, provides for the CIP funding, which is disbursed to American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Over the years, each of the territories has used this mandatory appropriation to fund projects addressing a variety of critical infrastructure needs such as hospitals, schools, wastewater and solid waste systems. (PR)



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By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin_encinares@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The fiscal year 2017 supplemental appropriations have yet to pass the Senate after senators made several amendments to the bill in their session last Thursday.

Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) made the most number of amendments to Rep. Angel

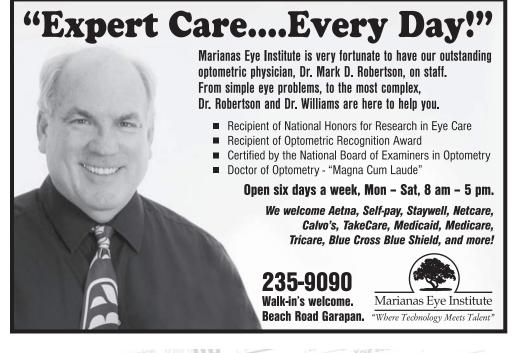
A. Demapan's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-147, followed by Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) and Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

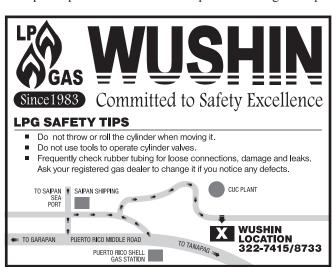
Hofschneider moved around large chunks of the \$24-million appropriation bill, including allocating \$878,000 for Tinian Elementary School parking lot renovations.

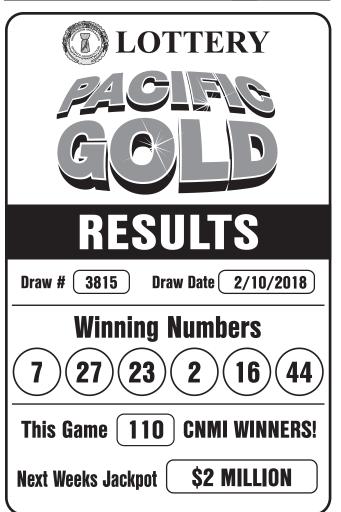
"Although there is al-

location for this project of \$630,000, [PSS] used federal funds," said Hofschneider, referring to a loan PSS made with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "I feel that it is much quicker to expedite the project using this funding source," adding that he has consulted with PSS. The latter reportedly agreed.

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WICHE

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leges and universities draw students from other Western states, which fills revenueproducing seats, diversifies their campuses and bolsters bottom lines for institutions and communities.

In all, America's largest interstate higher education tuition-discount programs set records in 2017-18 for students enrolled and dollars saved. A total of 42,240 students saved more than \$403 million—up 7 percent from 2016-17—on programs managed by WICHE in its 16 member states and territories.

WICHE's most popular program, WUE, saw 40,094 students save \$365.4 million this year on public associate's or bachelor's degree

programs in the U.S. West. Through the WUE program, students enroll in one

of 160 participant colleges or universities outside their home state and pay no more than 150 percent of that institution's resident-tuition rate. Since nonresident tuition can cost 300 percent (or more) of resident rates, the WUE discount saves students \$9,000 a year on average.

WICHE's two other tuition-discount programs also served over 2,100 students in 2017-18.

The Western Regional Graduate Program enabled 1,534 students to pay resident tuition at out-of-state graduate programs, with numbers likely to grow next year due to expanded program-eligibility rules.

The Professional Student Program—in Exchange which Western states subsi-

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sion on Capital Hill that CPA owes CUC more than \$23 million.

Reports obtained from CUC itself states that altogether, the Commonwealth government owes CUC over

\$50 million in accounts receivable.

The central government owes over \$6.1 million, the Commonwealth Health Center owes over \$20.4 million, and the Public School System owes close to \$300,000.



Igisomar

According to Igisomar, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which has jurisdiction over CHC, currently has a memorandum of understanding with CUC to settle its debt.

Tim Thornburgh, the federal programs officer of PSS, pointed out that PSS does not owe CUC anymore at the time

Other government agencies, however, constitute the

rest of the \$23.1 million, with CPA reportedly taking up majority of the debt, according to Igisomar.

"I just wanted to paint that picture so we know that we don't point fingers and say the government or the Legislature is not helping the government pay its bills," he said, adding that both resi-

> dential and commercial entities owe CUC a combined \$9.9 million.

> Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said in a statement during the same session that he appreciated

the efforts of Igisomar to "clarify this issue."

"Sometimes it is disheartening to be accused of not providing the funds for CUC and our utilities usage. ...I hope we can put clarity on the issue," Palacios said.

Igisomar, along with committee vice chair Sen. Justo Quituga (Ind-Saipan), has called in both the CPA and CUC management for more information.

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Hofschneider bumped up land compensation judgment obligations to the Manglona v CNMI judgment from \$1 million to \$4 million. He said this will reduce the daily interest of about \$600. The \$3 million came from the House allocation for land compensation funds appropriated for

Hofschneider also took \$30,000 each from allocations to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Office of Planning and Development and diverted it to the Depart-

Resources for rhino beetle infestation prevention measures on Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands.

from DCCA and the Office of Planning and Develop-Northern Marianas Trades Institute's \$375,000.

Manglona, on the other hand, amended the legislation to define land compen-

H.B. 20-147, HS1, HD1, SD4 heads to the House for review and action. If the House chooses to reject the changes, both chambers would go into conference committee to negotiate a

dize tuition for residents pursuing veterinary medicine, dentistry, and several other high-need health degrees in other states—helped 612 students affordably pursue those degrees and (as 67 percent of students do) return home to fill provider gaps.

These interstate tuitiondiscount programs are a key way WICHE serves Western states, students and institutions. WICHE was formed by Congress 65 years ago to facilitate partnerships and

between resource-sharing Western states, many of which lack the breadth of higher education programs available in densely populated regions, yet had to affordably educate residents to meet diverse workforce needs.

The Western population has quadrupled since WICHE's 1953 founding, but many states still lack programs in key fields. Meanwhile, student debt and resident/nonresident tuition gaps keep growing. Such factors have led to 81 percent growth in WUE student enrollment and 265 percent growth in WUE student savings this past decade.

A comprehensive Student Exchange Programs by the Numbers report, with detailed data and state-by-state dashboards of student and institutional participation, is now available at wiche.edu/ sepreport.

WICHE is the leading agency serving states, students and institutions throughout and beyond the American West, and is one of four U.S. regional interstate compacts. Its diverse portfolio of initiatives helps students pursue higher education affordably and conveniently, accelerates regionwide sharing of ideas and resources, provides expert research and policy guidance, and prepares schools and communities for social. economic, and technological change. Visit wiche.edu to learn more. (PR)

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the construction site under the hot sun during the time of her employment on Saipan.

Pixley said that Qi, a 45-year-old Chinese national, lived in the barracks with other workers in Garapan and she did not have a nice office on Saipan or a nice place to live and her work conditions were difficult.

Pixley also pointed out that during her employment, Qi possessed a valid CW permit that authorized her to work in the NMI.

Last October, Qi pleaded to count two of the indictment charging her with harboring illegal aliens. Her sentencing will be on March 2, 2018.

Under the plea deal that Qi entered with the U.S. government, the sentencing guideline range is 27 months to 33 months of imprisonment. The imposition of fine, if any, is left to the court's discretion.

Pixley said the parties agreed that Qi would be given an opportunity to provide "substantial assistance."

Pixley said the presentence investigation report contains information regarding Yuanyou Hu who died on March 22, 2017, after falling approximately 24 feet from a scaffolding at the Imperial Pacific Resort construction site.

Pixley said while the facts in the presentence investigation report regarding Hu are not specifically contested, Qi was not charged with being connected with Hu's death. Pixley said that Hu was not being supervised by Qi.

The lawyer said Qi's childhood was extremely difficult as her family in China was very poor and everyone in her village struggled to meet basic needs. In fact, one of Qi's grandparents died of starvation, Pixley said, and

Qi herself completed only three months of schooling.

According to the plea agreement, between Feb. 7, 2017 and March 22, 2017, Qi supervised a large number of aliens working at the Best Sunshine casino and resort/ hotel construction site.

Among the aliens supervised by Qi were over 100 aliens-including four Chinese nationals Chunsheng Zhang, Wei Li, Chengxiang Wang, and Yongbo Sun—who had unlawfully remained after their conditional parole had expired.

Aliens admitted as tourist under the conditional parole program are not legally authorized to work, even during the period of their conditional parole.

Qi was arrested on April 6, 2017, and charged with one count of harboring illegal aliens.

At a detention hearing last April 12, the court allowed Qi's release from custody.

Qi and her co-defendant Hongwei Ma are staff of Beilida Overseas. The two other defendants are Beilida Overseas president Hui Lu and Beilida's Wencao Guo.

A separate indictment charged MCC International project manager Yuqing Zhao with harboring illegal aliens.

Of the five indicted, only Lu has vet to be arrested.

On Feb. 7 through March 22, 2017, Ma, Lu, Guo, and Qi allegedly harbored six illegal aliens.

A separate indictment alleges that beginning on Aug. 1, 2016, and continuing until March 31, 2017, Zhao harbored 15 illegal aliens.

MCC International was the construction contractor for Imperial Pacific. Beilida was one of the subcontractors of the project.

Guo and Zhao had already pleaded guilty. Zhao was slapped with a six-month prison term.

SALARY

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tro, joined by Associate Justice John A. Manglona and Justice Pro Tem Robert J. Torres Jr. on the appellate court, announced that they are placing the matter under advisement.

The certified questions were raised by both Attorney General Edward Manibusan and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson.

Office of the Attorney General Civil Division chief Christopher M. Timmons argued as counsel for Manibusan, who was not present. Attorney Matthew T. Gregory argued as counsel for Larson, who was in court.

The Supreme Court accepted two certified questions:

1. Did the presence of four sitting members of the legislature on the advisory commission leading to the enactment of Public Law 19-83 violate Article II, Section II of the NMI Constitution? If so, did the illegal presence of the legislators on the advisory commission render the salaries for the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the

legislature in Public Law 19-83 unconstitutional?

2. Were the three salary increases (or any of them) for members of the Legislature unconstitutional because they exceeded the change in an accepted price index for the period since the last change, (or in the case of P.L. 4-32, was not based upon a price index at all); or al-

ternatively, were the three salary increases (or any of them) unconstitutional because they exceeded the respective advisory commission's salary recommendation?

In Manibusan's brief, Timmons said the Salary Adjustment Laws challenged in this case violate the checks and balances imposed by the NMI Constitution, including the prohibition against legislators sitting on independent boards or commissions; the prohibition against adjustments of salaries not based upon the recommendation of an advisory commission; and the restriction on increases in salary greater than the

change in an accepted price

Larson

index since the last change.

Accordingly, Timmons said, the Supreme Court should declare unconstitutional the salary hike for lawmakers, the governor, and lieutenant governor.

In Larson's opposition, attorneys Matthew T. Gregory and Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds said that just because a decision by the Legislature

is unpopular does not make it illegal or unconstitutional

Gregory and King-Hinds said the proper checks and balance for an elected official is to vote him or her

out of office.

The lawyers said the CNMI Constitution does not preclude the appointment of legislators to dependent commissions such as the advisory commission in question and only requires that it falls within an accepted composite price index and does not exceed the recommendation of the advisory commission.

Accordingly, Gregory and King-Hinds said, the Supreme Court should declare

constitutional the salary adjustments for members of the Legislature, the governor, and lieutenant.

The submission of certified questions arose after Manibusan sued Larson in February 2017. He asked the Superior Court to declare the salary laws unconstitutional.

He sought an injunction to prohibit the salary increases for the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the Legislature.

Last June, Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja ruled that Manibusan has legal authority to prosecute his lawsuit against Larson over the salary increases.

After Naraja's ruling, the parties agreed to stay the matter pending their joint petition for certified question before the high court.

The Legislature passed the law that instituted pay raises for government employees, the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the Legislature in November 2016.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres did not sign the bill into law. He neither exercised his veto power. Instead, he allowed P.L.19-83 to lapse into law.



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sations as used in the bill.

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sue over fatal 3-car crash

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Three persons have filed a lawsuit over a 2016 fatal car crash involving three vehicles at the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Highway, or Middle Road, and Kopa Di Oru Street near Sugar King Park in Garapan.

Antonie S. Santos, Abad S. Santos, and Arnel S. Santos are suing Li Wang, the driver of a car, and the truck's registered owner, Myong Run Corp.

Abad Santos was the driver of a 1990 Toyota Hilux pickup

truck with license plate AES-892, while his brother, Arnel Santos, was one of the truck's two passengers. Antonie S. Santos, who was the owner of the truck, was not in the vehicle at that time of the accident.

The lawsuit did not mention that the second passenger of the truck, 53-year-old Romeo Sumilang, was tossed into the air from the truck's bed and died a few days later in the hospital.

The lawsuit also did not indicate the types of the three vehicles involved.

According to police records, the victim was aboard a Toyota Hilux pickup, while Wang's car was a Toyota Matrix five-door wagon. The third vehicle was a Honda Civic being driven by a woman who was not injured.

The Santoses, through counsel Catherine Cachero, want Wang and Myong Run Corp. held liable to pay them damages. They also demanded attorney's fees and court costs.

According to Cachero, Abad Santos was driving the truck on Jan. 7, 2016, and was going south on the inner lane of Middle Road when Wang suddenly changed lanes and collided with the truck. The

lawyer said this caused the truck to flip over, completely damaging the truck and seriously injuring Abad and Arnel Santos.

The two were rushed to the Commonwealth Health

According to a police report, Sumilang, who was sitting in the bed of the pickup truck and thrown on the pavement, was found unconscious with a laceration on the head and abrasions. He died a few days later in the hospital.

No one was injured in the two other vehicles, which only had moderate damage.

According to witnesses, Wang came from the parking area of a hardware store and a restaurant across the Garapan Central Park. He entered Middle Road and went to the inner lane to turn left toward the corner of Kopa Di Oru Street.

The Toyota pickup, which traveling south on the inner lane of Chalan Pale Arnold, hit Wang's car on the left side. The truck lost control and flipped over.

The truck also hit the left driver's side of a northbound Honda Civic.

Less than two weeks later after the accident, the Superior Court dropped the charges against Wang, despite being found at fault by traffic investigators, after then-assistant attorney general Emily S. Cohen moved to dismiss the case. Cohen said the government needed more time to investigate the case.

According to a traffic investigator, Wang said he switched lanes from outer to inner lane in his attempt to make a left turn into Kopa Di Oru Street to head home.

A police officer said they are wondering why the Office of the Attorney General has yet to re-file the case against Wang when they have already completed their investigation.

As of press time yesterday, Chief Prosecutor Michelle Harris had yet to reply to Saipan Tribune for comments.





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MCS honors many during Catholic Schools Week 2018



Mount Carmel School recognizes its 2018 AlumKnight of the Year, 1963 AlumKnight Sr. Isabel Seman, second from left. From left, school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, the awardee, AlumKnight Association president Charles Cepeda, AlumKnight Association officers Rita Chong, Patrick Guerrero, Aysia Santos, and Priscilla T. Dela Cruz.

Mount Carmel School honored many during its recent celebration of Catholic Schools Week, saving these individuals have, in one way or another, embodied this year's theme of "Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed" and have fulfilled the school's mission to "educate the whole person to see with Christ's eyes."

Alumknight of the Year

The school awarded its Alum-Knight of the Year to Sr. Isabel T. Seman, a 1963 AlumKnight, at the Night with the Knights AlumKnight dinner last Feb. 3.

Upon receiving the award, Sr. Beck, as she is known, dedicated the award to her fellow nuns in the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz. She noted that by serving others to learn, lead, and succeed, they made great sacrifices in fulfillment of this year's Catholic Schools Week theme. Remembering the first MMB nuns to arrive in 1928, she said, "Their love for God, their zeal and desire to share the good news of redemption, was their only compass.

In presenting the award, school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero also honored the work of the MMB nuns. Noting that the 2018 AlumKnight of the Year marks the 20th anniversary of the prestigious award, he said it was fitting that the award also honors the 90th anniversary of the arrival of MMB nuns on Saipan. "At a time when women around the world are finding empowerment against oppression and injustice, it may help to note that the sisters of the Mer-



The 2018 AlumKnight of the Year, Sr. Isabel Seman, explains to her fellow AlumKnights the significance of receiving the award.

Class of the Year

At the Night with the Knights, the school also announced the Class of the Year award, which was given to the school's graduating Class of 1990. The award recognizes classes that have given back to their alma mater in a substantial manner and that represent the school's mission and philosophy. In addition to helping the school and various community outreach efforts, the Class of 1990 launched its annual scholarship program for graduating seniors pursuing a college degree.

Members of the Class of 1990 were ecstatic to win the award, and pledged to continue giving back to their alma mater.

Legacy Teacher of the Year and Millennium Falcon Award

A few other new awards were

also launched at the Night with the Knights, including the Legacy Teacher of the Year and the Millennium Falcon Award.

The Legacy Teacher of the Year Award was presented by the school's 2018 Teacher of the Year to Marie Soledad Camacho Castro, as one of the first batch of teachers at the school back in the 1950s, for her contributions to the learning, growth, and success of many AlumKnights.

Taking its name from the famed Star Wars aircraft piloted by Han Solo, school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero created and presented the first Millennium Falcon Award to 2005 AlumKnight Robert C. Travilla to honor a millennial AlumKnight who has distinguished himself for his accomplishments in business, art, and entertainment.

Teacher and Staff of the Year

Last Tuesday, the school See MCS on Next Page



Mount Carmel School recognizes its 2018 Parents of the Year.

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have been empowered and have

been empowering thousands

of others for over a hundred

years," he said.

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SMILING COVE MARINA QUARTERLY MEETING

This is to inform the public and all Smiling Cove Marina Dock users. that there will be a Quarterly meeting at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow for questions and answers related to the use of the Marina facilities.



On behalf of the Office of the Governor, a public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 05:00 p.m at the Tinian Youth Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the proposed USDA Community Facilities Grant application.

The grant will be used for the acquisition of an official vehicle for the Tinian Youth Center. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting and comment on the proposed project.





PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL **Koblerville Gymnasium Operation**

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting for proposals from qualified and established organizations and agencies to operate the Koblerville gymnasium.

The proposal packets are available at the NMHC Central Office Saipan located in Garapan during regular business hours from Monday thru Friday except CNMI Holidays beginning February 9, 2018.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on February 23, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the NMHC Central Office Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing or email to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, faxed to (670)234-9021, or email to jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp.

The proposal would be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Qualification and Experience: 30%
- Organization and Capacity: 30% Financial Capacity: 20%
- Response to RFP: 20%

Proposers must seal and mark their proposals "NMHC Koblerville Gymnasium". Proposers must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed proposal and submitted to the NMHC Corporate Director, Garapan, no later than 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2018.

The NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals become the property of the Government.

For more information, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner at (670) 234-7689/6866 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. $-4\!:\!30$ p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

Corporate Director

ONE COMMUNITY. ONE JOURNEY 2018 MMAC kicks off

The Marianas March Against Cancer will be held on May 11-12 at the Hopwood Middle School. This year's MMAC Committee is off to a rolling start in welcoming families, businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies to join the fight against cancer in the CNMI.

The MMAC traces its origins back to 1999 when a bold group of volunteers took the initiative to conduct the first ever American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" on Saipan with 32 teams. In December 2002, the core group saw the need to prioritize funding for the local community. This led to the first MMAC event in May 2003 and the

creation of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

"MMAC is always such a special event that truly brings the entire community together. Perpetuating the theme of 'One Community. One Journey,' every single dollar raised goes directly to supporting a loved one in the CNMI battling cancer," said Bobby Cruz, co-chair of the 2018 MMAC Committee.

For almost 20 years, MMAC has helped the CNMI community raise funds to support CCA's mission to help families, friends, and loved ones who are battling cancer.

"What started out as a grassroots campaign by a few individuals grew into an event supported by our island community. Last year, MMAC drew 2,000 people and raised over \$200,000 in cash and inkind donations. These funds go a long way to helping our loved ones fight cancer. It truly is a community effort, and the CCA is truly grateful for the families, friends, and our survivors who come out to support each other and provide inspiration on this journey together," said Juan L. Babauta, executive director of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

Since 2004, members from all sectors of our community volunteer in the MMAC Committee to organize the event.

The 2018 MMAC Committee includes the following subcommittees:

- Team Recruitment, chaired by Catherine Attao-Toves and Roque Indalecio;
- Logistics, chaired by Frank Borja, Janine Nogis, and Juan L. Babauta;
- Accounting, chaired by Manny Borja, Ashley Benavente, and Janine Nogis;
- Luminaries, chaired by Kaelani Demapan and Jenypy
- Public Relations, chaired by Kevin Bautista, Juan L. Babauta, Jackie Jucutan, and James Jucutan;
- Activities, chaired by Catherine Attao-Toves and Carleen Desebel;
- Awards and Judging, chaired by Catherine Attao-Toves, Annette Pladevega, and Carleen Desebel;
- Survivors, chaired by Jean Rabauliman, Sharina Clark, Jeaniffer Cubangbang, and Shelane Borja.

the valuable contributions of parent volunteers like them. These parents have generously given their time, attention, and commitment to Mount Carmel School," said Deleon Guerrero. "Their acts of volunteerism are necessary for Mount Carmel School to achieve its mission of educating the whole person to see with Christ's eyes." (PR)

■ Sponsorship, chaired by Monique Sablan and Nola Hix;

- T-shirt, chaired by Maria Krizia Mendoza and Annette Pladevega: and
- Entertainment, chaired by Carol Hosono, Patricia Kaipat, Prunella Pellegrino, and James Jucutan.

Biweekly meetings with team captains have already started since mid-January, and teams have already started fundraising for the event.

"In the coming weeks, teams will be holding their various fundraising events to engage with the community and raise funds toward our collective goal. We encourage members of the community to support the teams, or even create one, because this truly is for a great cause," said 2018 MMAC Committee co-chair Carline Sablan.

For 2018 MMAC Committee co-chair Bobby Cruz, MMAC is more than just volunteering for a great cause.

"I continue to participate in this, because this work really matters for us on the committee and for the CNMI. Battling this disease is tough, but we can beat cancer together by supporting every single person who goes through this journey. What makes the CNMI truly unique is that we're all interconnected, and MMAC reminds us that we're never alone in our collective fight against cancer. That night brings our community together to reflect on how serious this disease is and to be inspired by stories of perseverance. We encourage everyone in our community to join the fight."

For more information or to sign up your team for the 2018 Marianas March Against Cancer, email mmacteams@ gmail.com. (PR)

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named Kindergarten teacher Zhenzhu "Pearl" Jin as its 2018 Teacher of the Year, and Priscilla T. Dela Cruz as Staff of the Year.

Two years ago, after earning her Bachelors in Science in Elementary Education from Northern Marianas College, Jin started teaching at the school. She was one of the first batch of teachers to launch the school's first Kindergarten classes when it merged with Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center.

Dela Cruz was recognized for her invaluable contributions to the school. Deleon Guerrero was especially thankful for her service. "Much like a staff that provides support when you need help walking, staff like Pres provide much needed support we need as a school to keep moving forward," he said.

Parents of the year

At Friday's Family Night celebration, the school recognized several Parents of the Year: Alyssa Griffin, Armela Ham, Brien Sers Nicholas, Jocelyn Toskas, John R. Santos, Jung Honn Yun, Lauren DLC. Sanchez, Leilani B. Iramk, Lucia Buensalido, Parent Council pesident Luis Camacho, Ma. Rizallie Punzalan, Melisa T. Jack, Rowena Javan, Rowina O. Torres, and Tina Crisostomo-Tudela.

The school recognized

Teams inspect incoming cargo at Tanapag harbor

SANTA RITA, Guam— A multi-agency strike force operation, or MASFO, was conducted on Feb. 6 to Feb. 9 at the Tanapag harbor to enforce federal and territorial regulations ensuring the safe transport of cargo while deterring and detecting contraband moving through the port.

The operation brought together the U.S. Coast Guard, the CNMI Division of Customs, and Guam Homeland Security.

A total of 20 agents, officers and inspectors participated in this enforcement operation that resulted in 149 containerized cargo inspections.

The teams inspected freight containers and vehicles ensuring compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code as well as CNMI Custom regulations. (USCG)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS CUC-RSQ-18-014

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, AND OTHER A&E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

 $The \ Office of the \ Executive \ Director for the \ Commonwealth \ Utilities \ Corporation \ (CUC) \ is soliciting \ Statement \ of \ Qualifications from qualified \ architecture \ \& engineering \ (A\&E) \ firms for the \ design of \ water \ and \ wastewater \ infrastructure \ including \ but \ not \ limited \ to \ water \ and \ water \ and \ wastewater \ infrastructure \ including \ but \ not \ limited \ to \ water \ and \ water$ mains, sewer mains (gravity and pressure), lift stations, booster pumping stations, water storage reservoirs, treatment works, upgrade to existing facilities; providing construction management services including but not limited to submittal review, clarification and technical assistance related to contract plans and specification, field engineering due to changes in conditions during construction, construction inspection, electrical inspection, review of partial payment requests, surveying, and other related engineering services on various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects on the Island of Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed projects are funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and CUC. All work is subject to EPA & CUC review and pre-approval.

The RSQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. The RSQ package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective firms must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division to be considered.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RSQ 18-014, Request for Statement of Qualifications" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (Ch5T) on March 12, 2018. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received or postmarked on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A&E firm are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firm due to lack of information or understanding of the Request for Statement of Qualifications requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOO under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible A&E firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

This Request for Statements of Qualifications does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall scuted pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

All responses to this RSQ should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent, awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business and Engineering license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on February 23, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address nicollette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marecela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all Statement of Qualifications for any reason and to waive any defects in said RSQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All Statement of Qualifications shall become the property of CUC.

Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-010

MAUI 1 & 4 SHAFT WELLS MECHANICAL LIFT REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to design a method to rehabilitate the Maui 1 & 4 mechanical lifts; to rehabilitate the existing mechanical lifts and develop a safety plan for all required work in the shaft and tunnels in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-010 Maui 1 & 4 Shaft Wells Mechanical Lift Rehabilitation Project, Saipan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than March 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposar. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 26, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to CUC Water-Wastewater Engineer, Jake Parker via email address jake.parker@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela. Tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Don't shortchange special education

chool districts across Washington agree on at least one critique of the state's new education-funding plan: The Legislature is still not spending enough money on special education. Lawmakers must fix this problem before the session adjourns March 8.

Unlike some other unintended consequences of Washington's new way of paying for public schools, underfunding special education could hurt students' education as well as prompt more time- and moneywasting lawsuits.

The state Senate is considering a proposal that could partially fill the gap, but it doesn't go far enough. The latest version of Senate Bill 6362—a measure being used as the vehicle for various proposed adjustments to the education-funding plan adopted in 2017—calls for increasing special-education dollars by only about \$30 million a year. That's enough money to address the special-education shortfall in only one district: Seattle.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal says school districts across the state used a total of \$164 million in local levy dollars during the 2015-16 school year to make up for the shortfall in state education dollars for special education. The Washington Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that school districts should not use levy dollars to pay for basic education.

Reykdal has proposed adding \$160 million to the state budget for special education, in order to eliminate the need to spend any local levy dollars for this important aspect of basic education. Without it, local districts will have to cover costs some other way.

This amount would bring Washington's expenditures for special education up to the current national average, as opposed to the outdated 1995 formula the state currently employs.

Alternatively, some lawmakers have proposed fixing the problem by adding more money to the special education safety-net account, but the safety net is set aside for extraordinary needs of individual children. School districts cannot apply for millions of dollars from the safety-net account to make up for an overall shortfall.

Nearly 130,000 special-education students and their families would be affected by this shortfall. Special education is not the only part of the education budget that needs work, but it is the most urgent. Lawmakers should also look at adjusting the regionalization factors for teacher pay and carefully consider some more technical fixes to the budget.

But special education should be their top education priority.

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5 reforms the Middle East could make for women in 2018

omen's rights movements have historically done a lot of good in the United States. The recent #MeToo movement, for example, raised awareness about the abuse many women experience and touched off a useful national debate.

It's all too easy, though, to forget that the conditions for women elsewhere vary greatly.

Consider the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, where their most basic human rights are severely limited and threatened daily. Certain countries have made some progress. In 2017, Saudi Arabia repealed bans that prevented women from driving and attending soccer matches. Still more can be done to pursue equal rights for all. We in the United States would do well to remember these women and advocate for further reforms on their behalf.

Here are five reforms Middle East and North African governments could make (and Western feminists should get behind) in 2018:

1. Continue repealing "marry-your-rapist" laws

Many MENA countries have legal provisions that allow men accused or convicted of rape to avoid punishment. Often called "marry-your-rapist" laws, these provisions generally state that a rapist won't be prosecuted if he marries his victim. These laws provide no protection for the victims of rape and actually empower the perpetrator.

Thankfully, growing internal pressure is changing that status quo. In 2017 alone, Tunisia, Lebanon and Jordan repealed their versions of the law. With enough pressure, it's possible that 2018 could be the end of "marry-your-rapist" laws in the MENA.

2. Provide legal protection for victims of domestic violence

Domestic violence rates toward women in the MENA remain high. Many countries use their religious and legal codes to justify domestic violence. However, MENA nations are slowly starting to recognize the devastating effects that violence has on both women and their families and are increasing legal protections for victims.

The Ministry of Women, Family and Childhood in Tunisia reports that at least 60 percent of Tunisian women have experienced some form of domestic abuse. In 2017, the country passed a historic law that institutes measures that prevent violence, protect survivors and punish their abusers. It says, among other things, that citizens are entitled to notify police if they witness violence against women, provides special training for police, and empowers professionals such as doctors and teachers to ask questions if they suspect abuse in the home.

3. Update laws that bar women from the workforce

While economies worldwide continue to grow more prosperous and free, many economies in the MENA are struggling. This is, in part, due to the under-participation of women in the

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mas that prevent women from participating in the economy cost the region \$575 billion annually, according to a report by the international Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Despite hostile environments and imposing barriers to entry, female entrepreneurs are developing innovative methods for

workforce. Gender-based discrimination laws and cultural stig-

female entrepreneurs are developing innovative methods for skirting the discriminatory laws and are finding creative ways to make a profit. MENA governments can capitalize on this opportunity by completely removing the legal barriers that prevent women from working.

4. Provide legal protection for mothers and maternal rights

Many MENA countries provide little or no legal protection for mothers seeking custody of their children, even in cases of domestic abuse. Often, if a woman wishes to divorce her husband, she loses custody of her children. Furthermore, if the father dies, another male relative, not the mother, often gains custody.

Even in countries such as Tunisia, where laws regarding marriage and family are more progressive, a woman can be granted custody of her children, but the father remains the legal guardian. MENA governments could better serve families by implementing legal reforms that protect a mother's right to her children, especially in cases of domestic abuse.

5. Loosen restrictions on women participating in the political realm

Laws prohibiting women from serving in government are a significant impediment to women's rights and advancement in the MENA. Countries such as Jordan, the UAE and Lebanon have allowed women opportunities to participate in government. Many women from these nations serve in parliaments, on governmental cabinets and in the judicial systems.

Most recently, in December 2017, Qatar appointed four women to its Shura Council for the first time in history. This decision came shortly after the Qatari Foreign ministry appointed a woman to be spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The MENA region has a long road to achieving gender equality, but implementing these reforms would be a good starting

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Workforce Act means 10 more years, 8,001 more permits

n December the Commonwealth Legislature passed a resolution asking for the CW program to be extended beyond 2019.

The bill I introduce does just that. The U.S. Workforce Act doubles the time for the CW program by adding 10 years—through 2029.

To be honest, I never expected to be so successful in negotiating this bill with the Republican and Democratic members of Congress, whose approval is necessary to get the legislation passed. In fact, we started out last year with some in our group not wanting to extend the program at all past 2019.

Even though the bill I have now introduced gives us 10 more years for the transition period, I remain concerned. Predicting future labor needs for next year is hard enough, much less for 10 years.

Moving back to full local control of immigration is not going to happen, however, especially given President Trump's executive order protecting U.S. workers from foreign competition. We have to deal with that reality, not wishful thinking.

A new role for the CNMI governor

But the Workforce Act does give the Commonwealth governor a new advisory role in allocating CW permits. So, if there is a need, particularly to protect public health and safety, the governor can recommend that permits be set aside.

And my bill requires that the secretary of Homeland Security respond promptly and in writing, so that the governor's recommendations are taken seriously and not brushed aside.

So, my bill does more than simply extend the existing pro-

gram, as the Legislature asked. It returns some authority to local

The Workforce Act provides our economy with more workers, too. Next year, the cap set by the Trump administration is 4,999. My Workforce Act adds 8,001 CW permits. The cap will be reset to 13,000, the same number we had back in 2015.

Three important provisions

My bill, also, does more than just extend the CW program, which the Legislature asked for. The Workforce Act extends three other key policies of the transition program that began in 2009:

- The exemption for the Marianas from the nationwide cap on H visas.
- The E-2C visa for foreign business people invested in the Marianas before the enactment of U.S. Public Law 110-229, and
 - The bar on claims of asylum in the Marianas.

Why are those policies so important?

Being able to bring in as many workers with H visas means that any temporary need—like building a resort project, for instance—can get the construction workers.

It also means that, when U.S. mainland companies that want to hire specialists in computer science or engineering, hit the national cap, they could look to the Marianas as a place to put those high-tech H visa holders to work.

Keeping the E-2C visa simply means respecting the decisions made by CNMI Immigration a decade ago in deciding which foreign investors add value to our economy.

Most important, however, is extending the bar on claims of asylum. A lot of people do not understand it, but without that

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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one provision we would have no parole for Chinese tourists. And without Chinese tourists our economy would not have grown the way it has over the last years.

That is why I worked so hard to extend the transition period from 2014 to 2019 with enactment of U.S. Public Law 113-235. Although the Department of Labor had extended the CW program, the other three provisions could only continue by law.

That is what I did, to protect our tourist economy.

Let me hear what you think

I am writing this series of articles, so you, the people I work for, can have a deeper understanding of the legislation I wrote. If you have any questions about how my U.S. Workforce Act helps local workers and local businesses or keeps our tourism economy alive, please, let me know. My e-mail is kilili@mail.house.gov.

Next time, I will write about what the Act does for our local businesses that employ foreign workers. The CW program has meant headaches for them and we try to make it work better in the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act.

A Charlotte doctor used an NBA legend's story to inspire his patients. The legend came to say thank you

By PETER ST. ONGE THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

lizabeth Kiser has a story to tell about Dr. Mark Parker. Kiser's son, Webb, has been seeing Parker, a pediatric endocrinologist, for a few years now to keep an eye on some growth issues. On one visit last year, Parker was talking to Webb and his mom about growth trajectory when he stopped mid-sentence. "Come with me," he said, standing up.

If this seems a bit unusual, well, yes. As most any physician will tell you, doctors don't have much time for digressions these days. The health economy is demanding. Patient loads are heavy. Doctor's offices feel more like drive-thrus, with little time for warmth.

But not Dr. Parker's office.

"Mark is the kind of doctor that's rare these days," says Kiser. Parker, she says, spends a generous amount of time with his patients. He gets to know them and their interests, and he knows a lot about seemingly everything. If your kid loves Harry Potter, Parker will ask him obscure questions about the series. Same

goes for sports, from football to gymnastics. "He'll know something about it," Kiser marvels.

On that visit last year, however, the doctor wanted Webb to learn something, so he took the Kisers down the hall to his office. There stood a 5-foot cardboard cutout of Muggsy Bogues, the former Charlotte Hornet. Parker told Webb the full story of Bogues, who was the shortest player ever in the NBA at 5-foot-3, and who did far more than anyone expected. "Muggsy was one of his heroes," Kiser says.

The sports lesson did its job. Webb went home and looked up some YouTube videos of Bogues. He also talked to his dad, a Charlotte native who has long thought Muggsy was The Man. All of which Elizabeth Kiser remembered a few months later when Parker let her know he was retiring this March after 40 years in medicine.

Kiser wanted to do something special for Parker, something more than a food treat he would give to his staff, anyway. Then she remembered this from last year's visit: "I asked if he had ever met Muggsy, and he laughed and said that he has seen him at big charity luncheons but, no, had never really

met him. I said, 'So you have been using this guy as inspiration for your patients spanning decades and you have never talked to him? Nope."

So on Wednesday morning, Mark Parker walked into Exam Room 6 to see his next patient. Among those waiting for him were Elizabeth Kiser with her son, Webb, and Muggsy Bogues. "Ohhh my goodness," Parker said. He shook hands with Bogues, then hugged him, then said "Oh my goodness" again. Then he said: "It's such an honor" and he took off his glasses to wipe a tear.

Kiser snapped photos. She had found Bogues through a friend of a friend and asked him if he could send a signed picture to Dr. Parker. Muggsy decided he could do better than that. Now he and Parker sat with Webb and talked about basketball and patients and inspiration. Bogues walked over to sign the cutout of himself, the one that Parker had been showing young patients since Muggsy's first year on the Hornets.

"God bless you, my man," he told Parker. Kiser nodded. A gift. A thank you. Something more than expected, for someone who knows just how much that means.

Trump should lead from the front if he wants a military parade

resident Donald Trump has a vision of tanks rolling, planes flying, and troops marching down Pennsylvania Avenue as he stands erect surveying "his military" on the reviewing stand with the White House in the background. Now he has instructed the Pentagon to explore such a parade, the White House confirmed this week.

The uniformed men and women will render him military honors as American flags wave behind him, the Trumpian jaw jutting forward in Mussolini-like fashion. No doubt the president will experience a power surge as soldiers parade in unison before him – a human testament to self-aggrandizement, a sort of living monument to his ego, not unlike the concrete monument to himself he hopes to build on the on the Mexican border.

Trump reportedly got the idea from the grandstand during France's Bastille Day parade. He believes a show of military might will inspire Americans to recognize the value of the military, much as North Koreans are inspired by the grand parades staged in Pyongyang for their Great Leader.

In fact, other than keeping the president away from his Twitter account and Fox News, this military parade will provide little value for Americans.

Parades to honor those killed in the service of our country on

Memorial Day or those who have served on Veterans Day are welcome American traditions, but one reason they are enjoyed by millions every year is that they are for a greater purpose than stroking the ego of some "Great Leader." We Americans don't feel the need to show off our obvious military superiority in this way, to resort to what psychologists call compensation. That's for lesser nations with something to prove.

I spent lots of time as a cadet preparing for, marching in and complaining about parades. Soldiers will march if commanded; troops will drive military vehicles overnight if told, and even transport tanks hundreds of miles so they can tear up Pennsylvania Avenue when requested. They will do so at the expense of training, fighting or spending time with their families and will do so in a smart fashion.

However, if given a choice between spending countless hours practicing for a parade, getting their equipment ready and uniforms prepared so they can demonstrate their fealty to the president or simply sending the commander in chief a Valentine's card expressing their devotion, I am guessing they would go the Hallmark route

The military is legally and morally bound to disobey illegal and immoral orders. Otherwise they are duty bound to follow the By THOMAS J. UMBERG

The Sacramento Bee

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orders of the commander in chief, no matter how stupid.

And that's how it should be. Congress, however, is not bound by the same constraints.

There should be a bipartisan movement to stop the president from using the military for an expensive and painful presidential self-esteem exercise. If Congress won't stop this folly, I have another suggestion.

Senior officers should request parade volunteers from the ranks and then invite the president to lead the march down Pennsylvania Avenue himself. As in the past, his bone spurs might prompt him to defer the invitation when the marching is being done on his own time, on his own two feet.

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place. It's up to the people of the MENA to do it, however. Internal change is the only way to guarantee long-term results in the region.

But those of us in the U.S. can continue advocating on their behalf. If we want progress on women's rights, we shouldn't forget the women across the Middle East and North Africa. **10** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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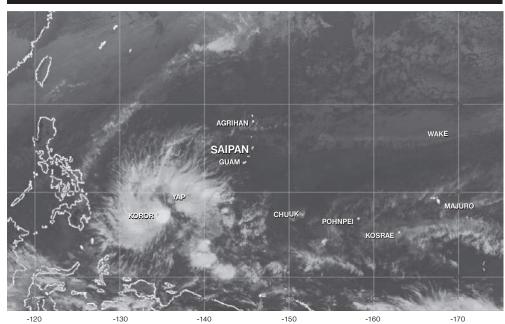


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Enhanced gradient winds today due to Tropical Storm 02W to the south and the shear line to the north. Worded today partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers. After today winds and seas will gradually diminish. Inherited grids have isolated light showers starting Monday however the latest model runs show the drier air not setting in fully until Wednesday. Did not make any changes at this point, will review the latest tonight. In general, fair weather will prevail once the small craft and high surf advisories can be

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Show your love language this Valentine's Day

alentine's Day is here again—that special time of the year that reminds us to express our love and appreciation for that person who has shown us countless times that we are loved.

Give your special someone, family, and friends undivided attention and clearly show your love language in many different ways through these special deals.

Blossoms Floral Shop

Surprise her with an array of roses when she wakes up and when she goes to school or work.



Fill her heart with love and her tummy with candies and chocolates. Never let

her sleep alone at night by giving her a stuffed animal and care for her inside and out with bath and beauty products from Blossoms Floral Shop.

Located at J.E.T. Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, their Valentine shop hours are from Monday to Saturday, from 8:30am to 6pm and on Sundays, from 8:30am to 1pm. Call 235-22676/7372.

Design Florist

Let your loved ones wake up to the intoxicating smell of roses from Design Florist. They



do various red roses arrange-ments—

from three roses to half-a-dozen roses, to a dozen roses in all.

Other arrangements—wine baskets, fruits and wine, chocolates, and many more—are also available.

Visit them and see their other selection of Valentine gifts at the Cabrera Center, Beach Road, Garapan. They are open from Monday to Saturday, 8:30am to 6pm. Call 234-5593 or 235-8572.

New Paradise Flower Shop

Give your loved ones a taste of nirvana from



New Paradise Flower Shop, located across the Shell gas station on Middle Road, where a wide selection are available such as roses, tulips, orchids, and lucky bamboo. They also have HVD balloons (Mylar, not latex), chocolates, stuffed toys, and fruit and wine baskets. To place your order, call 235-9875 and look for Robert.

A D V E R T I S I N G

T GALLERIA and DFS

From Feb. 1-14, T Galleria will let you celebrate this season of love in style. Visit the T Galleria by DFS in Garapan or DFS Galleria



at the Kanoa Resort and write down why your valentine is special. By doing so, you get a chance to win a Valentine's Day package with dinner for two, a

couple's massage and gift certificates. Purchase a Valentine's Day gift for your special someone worth \$40 or more and get a chance to win 100,000 Loyal T points (a \$1,000 retail value). Take a selfie while using your Valentine's Day pass at the store and share that selfie on Facebook with your No. 1 favorite item. If you get the most "likes" by noon on Valentine's Day, you can take home your favorite item!

iShop

iShop is sharing the love this month of Febru-



ary by giving 15-percent off coupon for every minimum \$100 pur-

chase, valid until Feb. 28, 2018. Come and visit iShop at the Paseo de Marianas (233-2616), iShop Kanoa (235-3718) and iShop Fiesta (237-0729).

IT&E

This month of hearts, purchase an iPhone X at



IT&E for just \$199 or a Galaxy Note 8 for just \$59 and get additional 15-percent off when you purchase online. Go to store.

ite.net, ite_cnmi on Instagram and ite.cnmi on Facebook.

Kevin's The Prime Rib and Seafood

Wine and dine with your special someone on Feb. 13 and 14 and celebrate a night of romance at Kevin's, featuring an alluring seven-course



aphrodisiac menu prepared by the restaurant's inventive chef de cuisine, paired with an optional flavor-enhancing wine,

all set in a candlelit and dreamlike atmosphere. It's just \$100 per person plus an optional \$25 wine. For reservations, call 322-1234.

Grandvrio Resort

From Feb. 11 to 17, Grandvrio Resort offers many choices to celebrate your Valentine's Day. Dolphin Restaurant has a romantic Valentine's Day candlelit dinner with a special course menu for just \$30. Experience the Tropicana's breakfast buffet for \$19, buffet lunch for \$20 (\$17 for



locals), and seafood and

sushi night for \$35 (\$25 for locals). Starlight BBQ invites you to an all-you-can-eat-and-drink course, from 6pm to 9pm.

The Airi Coffee Lounge open from 10am to 6pm and enjoy paradise bliss at the Poolside Bar. For reservations, call 237-2537 or email food.beverage@grandvrio-saipan.com.

Kanoa Resort

Love all you can while you eat all you can at Isla Café Restaurant's Valentine's Dinner Buffet on Feb. 14, 2018, from 6pm to 9:30pm. Dinner



features international favors with traditional carving station and seafood—inclusive of Budweiser beer;

red, white, or sparkling wine for only \$32 per adult and \$16.99 per child (4-11 years old). Resident discount applies, with valid CNMI I.D. For reservations, call 234-6601 Ext. 742/3.

Pacific Islands Club

Enjoy a romantic evening for two at Seaside



Grill featuring Chef Evangelista's five-course dinner delight. Welcome cocktail drinks await the romantic

of Bottega Petalo will be served with a stem of rose for the lady. Only \$85 per person. For reservations, call 237-5126. Local residents discounts applies, with valid CNMI I.D.

Pizza Hut

Let lots of love come your way with Pizza



Hut's Valentine's Day bundle. Available on Feb. 5-18, 2018, the bundle features a heartshaped pizza with one topping plus the ultimate Hershey's Chocolate Chip Cookie for

only \$19,99. Please call 235-9333 for delivery or carryout.

Modern Hair Salon & Barbershop

For their grand opening special, avail of a 50-percent off on all major services: haircut,



hair color, hair treatment, rebonding, deep treatment, and high-

lights. Avail of 20-percent off on manicure and pedicure with foot spa scrub. Promo is valid on Feb. 13 and 14. Get gift certificates as a Valentine's Day gift valid for three months. Refreshments will be served to all customers on Feb. 14. Visit them at their new location in San Jose, the second floor of Marianas Printing Services. For reservations, please call 234-1440/789-1777(Mau) and 286-0089 (Pia).

Marianas Resort & Spa

Spend Valentine's Day away from the crowd and relax at the Mandi Asian Spa. In February, from 12pm to 10pm, enjoy a "Chocolate Beam Course" for 80 min-

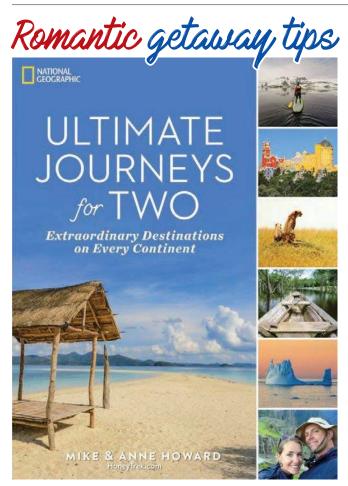
Mariana Resort & Spa

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white chocolate aroma oil, body treatment wrap (choice of Belgian chocolate or body gel mask), foaming massage using chocolate gel, and a private flower bath for \$90/person and \$170/couple.

Valentine's Day dinners are also available at 12th Night Steak & Seafood Restaurant. For \$140 per couple, avail of an appetizer, soup, salad, fish course, main dish, and dessert. The resort's Zen Teppanyaki Restaurant in Garapan has a Valentine's Day dinner. For \$140 per couple, avail of appetizer, soup, salad, fish course, a main dish, and dessert. (*Bea Cabrera*)





By BETH J. HARPAZ

NEW YORK (AP)—When you hear about honeymoons or romantic getaways for Valentine's Day or other occasions, so often the trip involves expensive hotels in upscale destinations.

But Mike and Anne Howard took their honeymoon on the road, threw in a sense of adventure and learned to travel cheaply in trips to seven continents over five years. They blogged about being the "world's longest honeymooners" at HoneyTrek. com and wrote a book, *Ultimate* Journeys for Two: Extraordinary Destinations on Every Continent, featuring 75 destinations and travel advice. And they recently launched a travel agency, HoneyTrek Trips , to help others experience destinations from the book and other places in what they call "HoneyTrek style"—a mix of "local and luxury with a dash of travel hacking."

"Adventure can be romantic even if it doesn't have rose petals on the bed and chocolates on your pillow," said Mike Howard.

The Howards recently discussed their journey and philosophy on the weekly AP Travel "Get Outta Here!" podcast.

FAVORITE PLACES

The book *Ultimate Journeys for Two* is organized by type of place rather than region—mountains, beaches, deserts, road trips, snow and ice, etcetera—with an emphasis on less well-known spots like Tortuguero, Costa Rica, Thailand's Railay Peninsula or Tromso, Norway.

"Paris is amazing and Kyoto is fantastic but you don't need to hear that from us," Anne Howard said. "We want to share these remote corners of the world that you may not have heard of."

Looking for a warm destination for spring break? They Howards recommend Eleuthera in the Bahamas, just a hop from Miami, with the Caribbean on one side and the Atlantic on the other, colorful clapboard homes and roads only wide enough for a golf cart. Or consider the Dominican

trip where people want to pack in everything and have every cab and hotel and museum appointment so dialed in," said Mike Howard. On longer trips, "something changes in the way you travel. ... You get a chance to learn from these other cultures and the people. Those stresses fade away because you get in this rhythm of travel and you have different takeaways from the cultures you meet and you see the way they handle their day-to-day life." And never mind upscale

ent mindset. It's "not the 10-day

restaurants with overpriced menus. "I don't think there's any dinner more romantic than a sunset picnic overlooking an incredible vista," said Anne Howard, "and it's just the two of you and a bottle of wine."



LOVE IS FULL OF SURPRISES



GETTING ALONG

tion of every paycheck.

Travel can be stressful. So how did the Howards get along during their years on the road?

Republic—not Punta Cana's allinclusive resorts but southwest's mountains and beaches, where the Howards stayed in a glamp-

ing retreat called Eco Del Mar that costs \$35 a night for a comfy bed

A favorite U.S. winter destina-

tion is Vermont, where they got

married. "Vermont under a blanket

of snow could not be more roman-

something about cozying up in a

honeymoon. As their destination

just \$35 to \$76 a day. Now, Anne

like \$24 a day for two. ... Travel

does not have to be expensive."

in exchange for free lodging.

They also recommend saving up for travel by putting aside a por-

How do they do it? "Travel

cabin with the person you love."

FROM A HONEYMOON TO A

in a beach tent.

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"You really have to roll with the punches," said Anne Howard. "There's going to be snafus, just accept that out of the gate and learn to laugh about it and get over it quickly. Don't hold grudges and also take preventative measures. Sometimes you have a blow-up but really your blood sugar is low and a granola bar would have fixed it. Be prepared. Have charged batteries and snacks on hand. Taking breaks and drinking water and some of those basic maintenance things can alleviate little tiffs."

Long trips also involve a differ-



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How to WOU



Valentine's Day is one of the most romantic holidays of the year and one of the most popular days for couples to get engaged.

By CLAIRE ALTSCHULER

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

magine this. You're swept away on a first date to a planetarium for a romantic evening under the stars. While you gaze up at the heavens, sparks begin to fly between the two of you. Or this: You're strolling with your serious boyfriend through London's Hyde Park when you encounter a choir singing "your song." Your guy goes down on one knee and proposes.

Romantic gestures like these become much more than gestures. If they're done right, they form the beginning of your "couple story," something you'll remember forever and share with family and friends in years to come.

OK, that's a lot of pressure. So how do you get it right? There's Google of course, there are dozens of articles with suggestions, and your friends might also have some ideas. But what if your sweetheart has already seen those ideas? What if your grand gesture comes off as silly or, worse yet, meh?

Enter the "romance whisperers," experts who specialize in planning extraordinary dates, events and proposals to impress that special someone and ensure everything goes smoothly.

Romance planners have carved out a unique niche in the event-planning industry. Instead of focusing only on weddings, they arrange special occasions—dates, anniversaries and "just because" events that can strengthen a relationship before and after the Big Day.

ADDING ROMANTIC FAIRY DUST

Anything can become a romantic event, says Tiffany Wright of The One Romance, a highend planning service in London that boasts a number of celebrity clients. "We are committed to bringing romance to any and every part of our clients' lives," she says. "If they want something special arranged, we'll add the romantic fairy dust to it!"

This could be filling a room with thousands upon thousands of scented rose petals or having a choir sing the couple's favorite song, Wright said. "We will go above and beyond whatever we need to do to make sure everything we arrange is like something out of a romantic Hollywood movie," she said.

1ST "I LOVE YOU"

One turning point in a romantic relationship is the first time "I love you" is expressed. To

make that event unique for one couple, The One Romance arranged a walk in a London park during which complete strangers handed the client's girlfriend objets d'amour, including messages in a bottle and an iPod playing a special song. After this, when they neared a bridge at the edge of the park, eight heart-shaped umbrellas opened, spelling "I love you." Wright, who has worked on hundreds of events, says this was one of her favorites. Her client's girlfriend "started crying the second the umbrellas opened. It was one of the most romantic things I've ever seen."

"JUST BECAUSE"

Cristina Abboud Hicks, 34, and her husband, Ben Hicks, 37, of Boca Raton, Fla., were married four years ago and have a 2-year-old son. They're still very much in love, but Cristina says it's been hard to find time for each other. Last winter, at a local charity auction, she won a romantic picnic offered by Society Romance, an event planner based in South Florida.

Cristina and Ben say they were floored by the amount of detail and effort invested in their date, which took place in one of their favorite parks. The decorations included an illuminated heart and a display shaped as the No. 5, for their upcoming fifth anniversary. "There were all sorts of nice sandwiches and tarts, macarons, Italian pastries and drinks in a basket," says Cristina. Sharing a beautiful day and the natural setting "with my best friend, my husband ... made it really special."

Ben agreed the picnic was a wonderful surprise. "Usually, my wife is the one who wants" to receive romantic gestures, he says. "So it was really cool that she did that" for him.

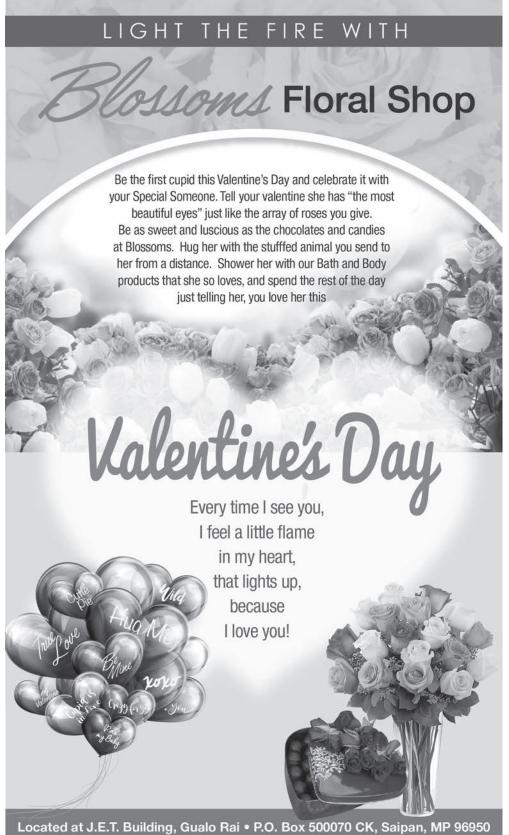
EXPERT TIPS

Costs of romance concierge services vary widely by event and provider, ranging from a few hundred dollars to many thousands. For those on a budget, Heather Vaughn, owner of The Yes Girls, offers the following tips:

Make a special invitation for your date night. For example, if you're planning a wine tasting, leave the invitation in the form of "a monogrammed wine glass with a note."

Personalize your event. Incorporate one of your partner's hobbies or something you've enjoyed together. "Being thoughtful doesn't mean having to be over the top."

Include keepsakes. You "can never go wrong with memorabilia"—things that hold special memories for you both.



Valentine's Shop Hours: Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 6:00pm

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 **15**

WINDY CITY PROPOSAL

Ja'Lisa Golliday, 27, and Shonte Myles, 31, connected on Instagram in 2014. They carried on a long-distance relationship for almost three years before Ja'Lisa finally joined Shonte in Chicago. To move from her hometown of Toledo, Ohio, Ja'Lisa had one condition: a marriage proposal. "I wasn't moving to Chicago to be somebody's girlfriend," she said.

Ja'Lisa arrived in Chicago in June 2017. Although she knew Shonte would eventually propose, she didn't know when or how. One evening that September, as Ja'Lisa slipped into her gown and Shonte donned a tux for what she was told would be a nice dinner out, Ja'Lisa suspected this might be The Night. But when they arrived at a downtown hotel, she wasn't so sure.



SOURCE: National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics survey of 7,277 U.S. consumers MIKE. B, SMITH, JANET LOEHRKE/USA TODAY

Shonte took her up to a floor where several conference rooms were located. Ja'Lisa noticed one of the doors was slightly ajar and peered inside. The room looked dark. But, as

she walked in, she saw it was flooded with candlelight and had a rose petal carpet leading up to two tables framing a spectacular view of the city. On the tables were photos from

their Instagram correspondence and special times they had shared. "Oh my gosh," Ja'Lisa said she thought. "This is our moment!"

Though he initially tried to

arrange it himself, Shonte says he soon discovered that the proposal he had in mind involved "a lot of moving pieces." So he reached out to Michele Velazquez of The Heart Ban-

dits, a California-based romance concierge. "Michele worked her magic," Shonte says, and it had the "desired effect." Ja'Lisa said yes. The wedding is scheduled for this year.

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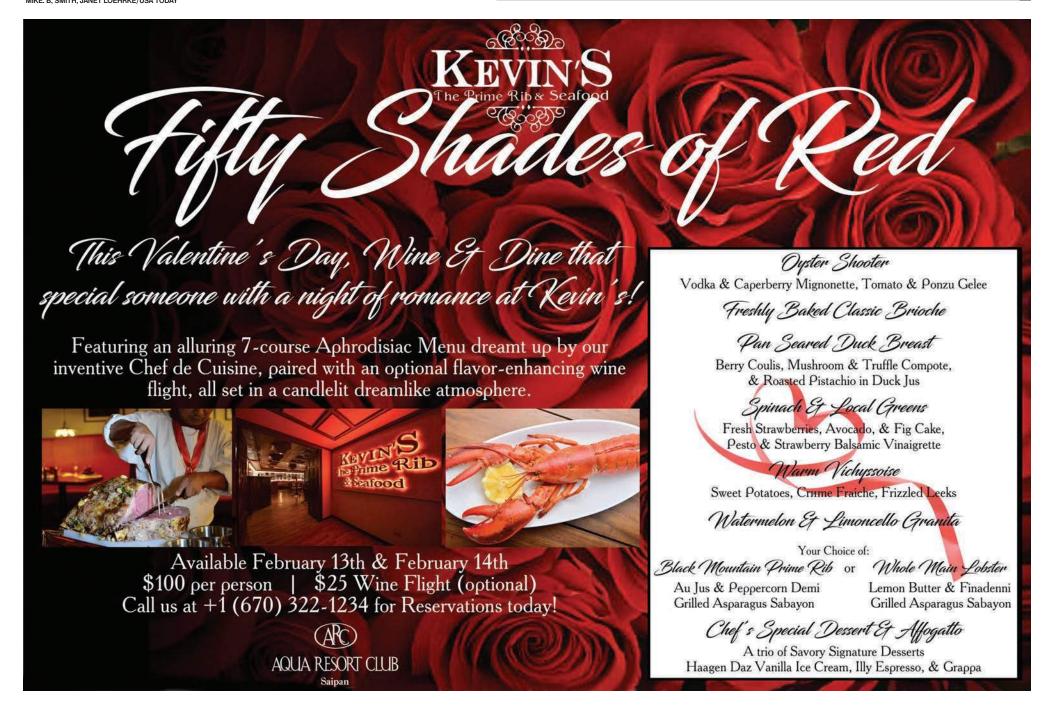
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Planning to pop the question ? If it doesn't work out, who keeps the ring

By DAVID CARRIG

Thinking about popping the question on Valentine's Day? It is one of the most romantic holidays of the year and one of the most popular days for couples to get engaged.

Americans spent an average of \$6,163 on engagement rings in 2016, according to The Knot's 2016 Real Weddings Study.

That's no small chunk of change.

But despite the best of intentions, not all engagements lead to marriage. About a quarter-million engagements don't end in marriage, according to a 2013 study by The Wedding Report.

So, if the engagement is broken off and the couple doesn't get married, who gets to keep the bling?

Different answers in different states

In general, a ring is considered a gift. The law requires







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three elements of gift-giving, according to legal information provider Findlaw: The intent to give it as a gift, the actual giving of the gift and the receiver's acceptance of the gift.

But an engagement ring generally also comes with the condition of the promise to get married.

"It is the difference between the ring as consideration for the promise to get married as opposed to the ring as a 'gift', as gift is defined in the law," said Anita M. Ventrelli, senior partner at Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck. The Chicago law firm specializes in divorce and family law.

"In the case of the ring as consideration for the promise to marry, if one does not perform on the promise to marry, one is not entitled to keep the consideration," she said.

The majority of states take this approach and the ring is returned to the gifter if there is no wedding, according to research conducted by WP Diamonds, an online buyer of diamonds, jew-

WP Diamonds spoke with leading divorce attorneys in every state to find out what the law required in the case of a broken engagement and in a divorce, said Ella Morgan, head of marketing at WP Diamonds.

The research, conducted in the fourth quarter of 2017, cites 26 states, including Arizona, Florida, Illinois and New York, as following that approach in the case of a broken engagement.

But some states also take fault into consideration and look at who broke the engagement. In those states, the person that breaks off the engagement loses the ring. Alabama, Alaska, Kentucky, Massachusetts and New Hampshire are among those states, according to WP Diamonds' research.

Montana is an interesting exception: That state considers the engagement ring an unconditional gift. The ring is kept by the recipient, even if the marriage never occurs and no matter who broke the engagement.

Once the marriage occurs, most states view the gifting of the ring as complete. In the event of a divorce, the recipient of the ring is entitled to keep the gift.

However, a handful of states consider the ring as marital property once the marriage occurs and the value of the ring would be split in a divorce just like all other marital property.

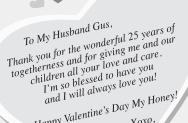
The bottom line: While it may not feel romantic, it's probably not a bad idea to consult a lawyer in your state if you're planning to drop a ton of money on a ring before you pop the question.

But what is the proper thing to do?

While the law varies on who is entitled to keep the ring, from an etiquette standpoint it is generally considered good manners to return the ring if the engagement is called off.

That is especially true if the ring is a family heirloom and has sentimental value, said Lizzie Post, co-president of the Emily Post Institute and great-granddaughter of Emily Post.

"Personal feelings are what is going to direct you," Post said. The question the recipient of the ring should ask, she said, is: "How much do you want to hang onto a ring that is a promise that you are never going to enact?"



Happy Valentine's Day My Honey!

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To the man that captured my heart and conquered my soul. Happy Valentine's and a Happy Birthday my dearest husband!

Vergel,

Happy Valentine's Day! Love, thank you so much for everything. You are one of the meaning what love is, favin and I love you so much.

Arriane

Chuchay, Buy me dinner? Happy Valentine's Day! Heart! Heart! -Chi

To my lovely little songbird,

Thank you fon being an awesome wife. I love you.

XOXO

Noodles, "I loved you yesterday. I love you today. I'll love you forevermore." Love, Your songbird

My Ali.

Love is what you have for someone you want to spend the rest of your life with...

Chammy

Alyssa, Of all the people and things I've held in my possession, the best by far is YOU. I knew since the day I was born, that every step that I made in life would get me closer to you, and every step back was a reminder of how empty life would be without you. Each step forward and backward leads me to you and everyday knowing that you're mine is a way to make me feel whole. We may have setbacks and dry days, just know that at the end of the day, we'll only lead back into each other's arms to feel complete. I love you forever and always

Love Notes

Not a day goes by when my mind does not think of you, you are the reason behind every joy that has ever been a part of my life. You are the one who made me see the beauty of things. Before you came into my life, I was sad, alone and broken. Then you came in and turned my world around and changed everything for the better. I cannot thank you enough, all I can do to repay you is to love you unconditionally and whole heartedly. You are every dream of mine come true and I love you with all my heart and soul.

A special Valentines' Day greetings to the following beautiful ladies from Jesus is Lord Church Saipan: Lisa Panuringan, Jackie Payopay, Fely Robles, Ailene Miranda "You are fearfully and wonderfully made in His beautiful image. God has a special plan for you."

> We love you! Donna and Charlie

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Irish,

"Dur relationship is as

straight as this circle...

Happy Valentine's Day

to my lucky charm,

I fove you!

When I look in your eyes and you're looking back in mine, everything feels not quite normal. I feel stronger and weaker at the same time. I feel excited and at the same time terrified. The truth is

I don't know what I feel, except I know what kind of man I want to be, It's as if I've reached the unreachable and I wasn't ready for it. Rodwealth

My Darling Donna,

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> Happy Valentine's Day! I love you, forever.

Mon always push me to be a stronger person emotionally.

physically, and mentally, and for that an grateful.

Thank you for always making plans to spend time together

Charlie

I love you

To KHPM,

and I'll always be here for you! Happy Valentines!

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To Sarah from Jon Ours is not a perfect relationship but we lived through the craziness, the ups and downs, and all the laughter and tears for almost 20 years. Happy Hearts Day. Padayow!

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Thank you so much for everything. Now and forever, I will always be with you.

- From your Bbyko Resolie Usi

Happy Valentines Mi! Thank you for being the best mom. I appreciate everything you do for us. Please stay healthy and with full of love.

Ill be with you always, every day is Valentine's Day... much!

Happy Valentine's to the kindest, most thoughtful and caring person in the world and in my life. Love, Mayann

Happy Valentine's Day to my lovely Wifey Leila Maria Monton

Heart is the symbol of love my love for you is not just special on Valentine's day but every day of my life. I love you with all my heart my dear, forever and ever.

Love, Julius Monton

Happy Valentines to my Tita Lew and my Mom Palero. Thank you for everything you do for us and always remember that we appreciate and love you!!!

To my One and Only, I never knew that I could love someone the way I love you. I'm thankful for the constant effort you give to keep us together through all challenges. I'm looking forward to spending the rest of my life with you. O You're my person and I love you always and forever. Happy Valentine's Day Caleebz!



The good things in life are better with you. I love you always, my jellybean wolverine!

To my darling Charlie,

You're my ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. God must be thinking of me when he created you. Thank you for being you.

Love you always,

My lovely husband, Jun

You are everything to me: Perfect just the way you are. Thank you for all that you do.



Your Beyond Blessed Wife Sol



To my ever dearest wife,

It's been 20 years of Love, happiness, trials and sacrifice. But we stood by each other because love is stronger than any hurdles ahead of us. So on this Valentine's Day I would like to greet you a happy, happy hearts day and we love you so much.

Tim, Mat and Obet



I want to grow old with you!"

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Make your own chocolate bowls for Valentine's Day

By SUSAN SELASKY

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othing says "I love you" like chocolate. It's the universal way to melt your valentine's heart. It's also good for your heart. Thanks to flavanols, antioxidants also found in berries, red wine and grapes. So in small amounts, chocolate is good for you. Many health experts recommend eating a 1-ounce square of chocolate a day. And the darker the chocolate (which is higher in antioxidants), the better.

But we love chocolate for other reasons, too. Like being able to mold and shape it. This recipe for small chocolate bowls is made using blown-up balloons as the mold. It works like a charm. We filled the bowls with ice cream and drizzled them with more melted chocolate and garnished with fresh berries. It's a perfect dessert to make your sweetie swoon.

Makes: 6 (depending on size) / Preparation time: 10 minutes / Total time: 10 minutes (plus chilling time)

You will not use all the melted chocolate, but you need that amount to be able to dip the balloons in. Makes as many chocolate bowls as you like. Or keep the chocolate for another use.

Parchment paper

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil plus additional for brushing balloons
- 6 water balloons, blown up (no water) and tied
- Ice cream, optional
- Fresh berries, optional

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a microwave-safe bowl place the chocolate chips and oil. Microwave for 1 minute. Continue microwaving in 30-second increments, stirring in between, or until chocolate is melted.

Lightly brush oil on the balloons opposite the tied end.

Spoon a small amount of the melted chocolate in a circle about the size of a 50-cent piece to create a base.

Dip the lightly oiled end of the balloon in the chocolate so it coats the bottom and about 2 inches up the sides. Set on the chocolate base and press lightly so it holds in place. Repeat with remaining balloons. Transfer to the refrigerator and chill until set.

Pop the balloons and remove and discard the pieces. Fill the chocolate with ice cream, garnish with berries.

Note: Most balloons are made of latex, which can cause an allergic reaction.

Adapted from several recipes. Tested by Susan Selasky for the Free Press Test Kitchen.

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QUINN ON NUTRITION

Weigh in on high protein diets

By BARBARA QUINN

THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD/TNS

o high protein diets work? Are they good for us? Current research suggests that a diet higher in protein may be an effective way to lose weight, according to an article on this topic by registered dietitian Kaley Todd in Today's Dietitian. Compared to lower protein diets, a boost of protein can help a dieter preserve muscle mass and perhaps even control hunger.

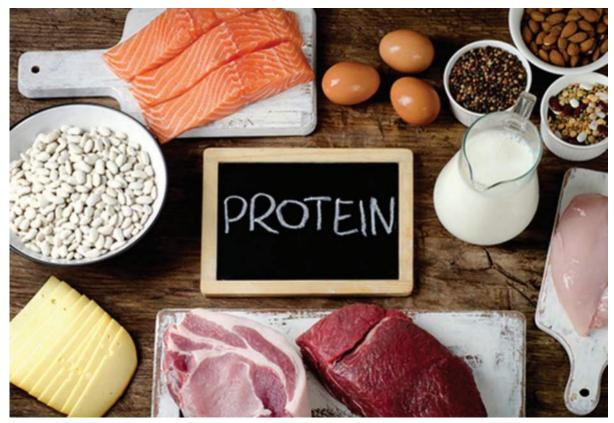
Other research however, has shown that high protein diets don't result in long term weight loss any better than other diets. Why the confusion? Probably because the definition of a high protein diet is all over the map.

The most current Dietary Guidelines for Americans advise us to eat between 10 percent to 35 percent of our total calories from protein. More than that is technically "high protein."

Yet many of the research studies that found a beneficial effect of high protein diets for weight loss defined a high protein diet as one that was around 30 percent protein.

And here's another important note from most of the research studies that found positive effects of high protein diets. Besides the fact that these diets were high but not excessively high in protein, they were also not excessively high in fat. Most came in at around 30 percent of calories from the fat group—what experts consider to be low fat.

It's essential then, says Todd, to consider how the protein we eat is "packaged." If our concept of a high protein diet is all the sausage and gravy and everything else our poor heart doesn't desire, we might be missing the point. High protein diets that give free rein



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to as much fat as we can pile on and severely limit our intake of healthful carbs like fruit, yogurt, and whole grains are another story entirely.

What in the heck does all this mean? For most people, a diet that provides protein on the higher end of the normal scale and cuts out unnecessary carbs, especially those that are high in sugar and fat (donuts, anyone?) can be a healthful way to lose weight ... and keep it off. And we

still need to make sure our bodies get all the essential nutrients they need for optimal function.

How to know if your diet falls in line with what's considered healthful? Plug in a day's worth of eating and drinking (be honest) at www.super-tracker.usda.gov. Then run the Nutrient Report. You might be surprised.

Recent studies also suggest that—because we have different genetics—some of us may respond more favor-

able to high protein diets than others. Best to remember what my grandfather told me; "Too much of anything is not good for us."

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Updated immunization schedules were released on recently, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"The biggest change this year is the recognition that all babies should get the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hours of life," says Dr. Robert Jacobson, a Mayo Clinic pediatrician. "There's no logic or science to support waiting a month or two—even for those babies thought to be at low risk for infection."

The CDC document also says changes include:

- New or revised recommendations for poliovirus; influenza; and measles, mumps and rubella vaccines
- Clarification of the recommendations for rotavirus and pneumococcal vaccines

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices approved the new immunization schedule that also has been approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians,

and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists." This updated schedule represents a masterpiece of scientific thinking and human engagement," says Dr. Jacobson. "This is not just the CDC's schedule. This is a schedule shared by, and agreed upon by, the American Academies of Pediatrics and Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

This schedule represents the best balance of timing the vaccines when they work against when the vaccines are needed." Dr. Jacobson emphasizes that delaying vaccination leaves children at risk for diseases and the complications they cause. He adds, "Alternative schedules haven't been studied in terms of their effectiveness or safety. What we do know about alternative schedules is that they leave our children at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases and confuse parents as to what they should do." (Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)

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Life & Style

Drones grounded at opening ceremony—but not on tape delay

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP)—An army high-flying drones expected to light up the sky at the opening ceremony of the Olympics was grounded.

Viewers of NBC's tape-delayed broadcast in the United States still saw it, but it was a pre-recorded version.

Intel Corp. was expected to launch 300 drones as part of an extravagant light show, but those plans were scrapped. International Olympic Committee spokesman Mark Adams said Saturday that the drones were not deployed Friday night because of an "impromptu logistical change."

NBC aired a light show, but it was from Intel's launching of more than 1,200 drones in December in Pyeongchang. That didn't keep the television network from highlighting the moment. NBC tweeted on its official @NBCOlympics page: "A swarm of drones brings us one of the most incredible sights of the #OpeningCeremony."

Intel celebrated breaking a Guinness World Record for the most drones flown simultaneously by tweeting a link to the video . "More than 1,200 drones," the Santa Clara, California-based com-



pany tweeted. "One amazing show. See how our drone team pulled off a Guinness World Records title for the Opening

Ceremony.'

The incident was reminiscent of the Sochi Games in 2014, when one of the

five Olympic rings failed to light—but Russian state television aired rehearsal footage of it happening.

Omarosa says on 'Big Brother' country is not going to be OK

Omarosa Manigault Newman is starting to tell her story, as promised. And the former White House aide's story is: America is not going to be fine under President Donald Trump. Newman



Manigault Newman, who left her White House job in December, said to her "Celebrity Big Brother" co-star Ross Mathews when he asked if the country will be OK.

"It's going to not be OK. It's not. So bad," she added, speaking in the conspiratorial whisper that cast members use to keep competitors in the "Big Brother" house from overhearing them. Viewers, however, get to.

In response, the White House reminded reporters at the daily briefing that Manigault Newman was fired repeatedly on "The Apprentice" —and once by the White House.

"Not very seriously," said spokesman Raj Shah, when asked about how the White House reacted to the comments. "Omarosa was fired three times on 'The Apprentice.' And this was the fourth time we let her go. She had limited contact with the president while here. She has no contact now."

On the reality show, Manigault Newman says she was "haunted by tweets every single day," and wondered: "What is he going to tweet next?" She says she wanted to stop him, but "all the

people around him attacked me," blocking her access.

Mathews then asked who does have the power to influence the president. "It's not my circus, not my monkeys," replied Manigault Newman. "I'd like to say not my problem, but I can't say that because it's bad."

She said she would never again vote for Trump, whom she met as a contestant on his TV show "The Apprentice," which aired in 2004.

Manigault Newman was an assistant to the president and director of communications for the Office of Public Liaison until she left in December. She is now one of 11 cast members on "Celebrity Big Brother," and was not in danger of being eliminated after Thursday's episode.

On the show, Mathews told her that he "never got" why she joined the White House.

"It was a call to duty," she says. "I felt like I was serving my country, not serving him ... it was always about the country."

Ex-Miss America from Arkansas squares off with state senator

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A former Miss America says that while an Arkansas politician is criticizing a public university that put up a billboard touting its dance program, society needs both entertainers and engineers to

Savvy Shields, who danced to jazz music on her way to the 2017 Miss America title, disagreed with Sen. Bart Hester on Twitter this week after he questioned whether the University of Arkansas at

move forward.

Little Rock had misplaced its priorities.

"Why higher ed does NOT need increase funding," Hester tweeted Monday. "They lease a sign to encourage computer science degrees or math teachers? No they push for dance majors. Lots of hardworking Arkansans subsidizing this! Not OK @UALR."

Shields wondered why the state had to choose. "In the Renaissance, we had the growth of both the sciences and the arts," she said in an interview Thursday night.

Hester, a Republican from Cave Springs, said arts programs are important but shouldn't deter from developing highly skilled professionals.

"We are starving for an educated workforce," Hester said. "A state school should be supporting the needs of the state on a priority basis."

College advertising sprouts every midwinter, as schools hope to attract high school seniors. UALR's series of billboards include one showing a dancer and the words "Dance Major" and "Unlimited pathways. Close to home."

Shields, an art major at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, said investments in the arts run to the millions of dollars. At the time the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art opened in 2011—eight miles from Hester's home town—it was revealed that the Walton Family Foundation had set up \$800 million in endowments.

Unlimited movie-theater deal could be too good to survive

ie theaters what Netflix did for DVDs and online streaming: Let subscribers watch as many movies as they want for \$10 a

In doing so, MoviePass has struck a chord with moviegoers and a nerve with the movie industry.

For many people, going to the movies is worth it only a few times a year. Ticket prices keep rising, and moviegoers have plenty of cheaper alternatives, including Netflix.

MoviePass believes it can

movie studios aren't so sure, putting MoviePass' business plan at risk.

Subscribers with Movie-Pass can watch a movie a day, be it a splashy blockbuster or an indie movie contending for the Oscars.

Though MoviePass works at most theaters, it has key restrictions: It excludes pricier 3-D and Imax showings and most advance online sales. And even if everyone in a group has a subscription, tickets must be purchased individ-

NEW YORK (AP)—Movie- get people to theaters more of- ually. Subscribers also com- Langdon said she's taking Pass is trying to bring to mov- ten. Major theater chains and plain that MoviePass responds chances on smaller releases too slowly, or not at all, when there's a problem.

Nonetheless, the thrill of the bargain has sparked interest. MoviePass said Thursday that it signed up a half-million subscribers in less than a month, bringing the total to 2 million.

"I've seen a little over a dozen movies, which is way more than what I would have without it," said Cassie Langdon, a 28-year-old Indianapolis woman who works in sports communications and joined MoviePass in October.

instead of sticking with blockbusters and their sequels.

Success could ultimately bring MoviePass' demise. Although subscribers pay just \$10 a month, or less with promotions, MoviePass is paying most theaters the full price of the ticket. The U.S. average is about \$9, though \$15 and up is common in big cities, putting MoviePass in the red with just one movie. By contrast, MoviePass competitor Sinemia offers just two or three movies a month for higher fees.

YouTube suspends ads from video star Logan Paul's channels

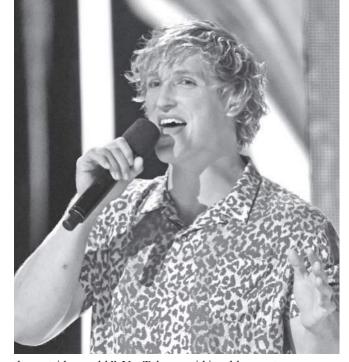
NEW YORK (AP)—You-Tube has temporarily suspended all ads from video star Logan Paul's channels after what it calls a pattern of behavior unsuitable for advertisers.

In an emailed statement, YouTube said that the videos

on Paul's channels are also "broadly damaging to the broader creator community."

Late Friday, YouTube also updated a set of policies outlining new steps it could take against video creators who violate its guidelines. Those include shutting off ad support, deleting YouTube Original videos by the creator and barring channels from being able to be recommended or put on its home page.

"When one creator does something particularly blatant—like conducts a heinous prank where people are traumatized, promotes violence or hate toward a group, demonstrates cruelty, or sensationalizes the pain of others in an attempt to gain views or subscribers—it can cause lasting damage to the community, including viewers, creators and



the outside world," YouTube Vice President Ariel Bardin

said in a blog post . Last month, Paul posted

In this Aug. 13, 2017 file photo, Logan Paul speaks at the Teen Choice Awards at the Galen Center in Los Angeles.

video of himself in a forest near Mount Fuji in Japan near what appeared to be a body hanging from a tree. YouTube suspended the 22-year-old at the time for violating its policies. But Paul returned, and has since posted a video of himself using a Taser on dead rats. That video is still up, with an age restriction.

An email sent to Paul's merchandise company for comment was not immediately answered Friday. YouTube is owned by Google parent company Alphabet Inc., which is based in Mountain View, California.

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Kim Cattrall to Sarah Jessica Parker: You're not my friend

NEW YORK (AP)—Kim Cattrall has a message for Sarah Jessica Parker: Spare me your sympathy. Cattrall lashed out Saturday at her former "Sex and the City" co-star after Parker expressed her condolences over the death of Cattrall's brother, Chris. "Your continuous reaching out is a painful reminder of how cruel you really were then and now," Cattrall wrote on Instagram. "Let me make this VERY clear. (If I haven't already) You are not my family. You are not my friend. So I'm writing to tell you one last time to stop exploiting our tragedy in order to restore your 'nice girl' persona." The two actresses reportedly have not gotten along for years. Cattrall's brother was found dead last week. He was 55.

Cleveland officials consider home for Superman statue

CLEVELAND (AP)—Officials in Cleveland are searching for a new site to land a statue of Superman. The Plain Dealer reports city officials, the statue committee and sculptor David Deming met this week to discuss the location change. Officials originally planned to put the Man of Steel near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum but the site is no longer available. Deming's

4,000-pound (1,814-kilogram), 10-foot-long (3-meter) statue includes a tribute to Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. The Cleveland pair created the legendary comic book character in the 1930s. Committee member Michael Olszewski says he's confident the group will find a home for the statue that's better than the original site. Possible spots include Edgewater Park along Lake Erie and Cleveland's cultural center, University Circle.

Radio host suspended for using stereotyped Asian accent

BOSTON (AP)—A Boston sports radio host who impersonated a sports agent on air using a stereotyped Asian accent has been suspended for five days. Radio station WEEI says in a statement it doesn't support host Christian Fauria's "insensitive and ill-conceived attempt at humor." The former tight end for the New England Patriots was impersonating athletic agent Don Yee when he used the racially charged accent on his weekday show Friday. Fauria says he "made a horrible attempt at humor" and supports the station's decision to discipline him. Yee is of Chinese descent but was born in Sacramento, California. He represents athletes including Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and receiver Julian Edelman.

Danish prince leaves Olympics as father's condition worsens

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik left the Winter Olympics in South Korea on Friday to rush home because the condition of his father—the French-born husband of Queen Margrethe—has "seriously worsened."

Prince Henrik, 83, was hospitalized Jan. 28 for a lung infection with doctors saying they had found a benign tumor in his left lung. Family mem-

bers visited him Friday at a central Copenhagen hospital.

Crown Prince Frederik, an International Olympic Committee member, left Pyeongchang before the official opening of the Winter Games, according to Denmark's National Olympic Committee.

Margrethe, 77, and her youngest son, Prince Joachim, arrived separately at the Rigshospitalet on Friday, according to Danish media.

Earlier in the day, Frederik's wife, Australian-born Crown Princess Mary, and two of the couple's four children briefly visited Copenhagen's university hospital, where her fatherin-law is a patient, Danish media reported.

Hundreds of Danes wrote on the royal household's Facebook page Friday, expressing hopes for the prince's quick recovery and offering warm thoughts to Henrik and his family. Henrik often voiced his dissatisfaction with not being the queen's equal after she acceded to the throne in 1972, causing a stir in one of the world's oldest monarchies.

Last year, the palace announced Henrik was suffering from dementia.

Under Denmark's Constitution, the royal family has no political power and is barred from involvement in party politics.

Patrick Stewart to get techy at academy's Sci-Tech Awards

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Saturday night is Oscar night for the engineers and inventors who create

things that help filmmakers keep audiences riveted. Actor Patrick Stewart is hosting the film academy's

and

Awards, an annual celebration of innovations that have advanced the art of filmmaking. The Sci-Tech Awards recognize hardware and software developments, from camera dollies to computer programs.

The inventions being rec-

ognized this year at an untelevised dinner ceremony at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel include a camera mount that makes aerial shots easier and software programs that instantly render animated characters in 3-D.

Three Oscar statuettes

will be presented: Two to the creators of the Houdini system used across the industry to create visual effects, and a third honoring the career achievements of "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" visual effects pioneer Jonathan Erland.

Medicinal marijuana user is shunned by husband's family

Scientific

EAR ABBY: My brother-in-law found out I smoke marijuana. I have a medical card and some mental disabilities. Marijuana helps with my anxiety.

Although we live near each other, my in-laws now say they don't want me in their homes. The stress this has put on my husband is unfair. His brother obviously has a problem with me.

I never discuss marijuana with anyone and don't carry it around with me. I use it only in the privacy of my home. How should I expect my husband to handle holidays or even regular get-togethers? I really need help.

UNFAIR IN NEVADA

DEAR UNFAIR: Medical and recreational marijuana are legal for adults in the state of Nevada. I wish you had mentioned how your brother-in-law learned you are using it. That it is being used as an excuse to isolate you is cruel.

How your husband chooses to handle further contact—or lack of it—with his relatives will be his personal decision. Not knowing how close they have been, I can't guess what his next step should be—except to point out that his first loyalty should be to you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a sophomore in high school, and I need some boy help. I go to a small school, where there are only 60

sophomores, and we're all pretty close.

Technical

There's this one guy that I kind of like, but I don't know how to strike up a conversation with him. I know I could ask him for rides to places, since he can drive and I can't yet.

My problem is I have no classes with him this year, so I can't do any of the "can you help me with homework" or "did you understand this concept" flirting. He invites me to his parties, but he does that with almost everyone.

I know this is a bit of a random jumble of a letter, but I'm hoping for advice on how to start a conversation, especially because we share no classes.

SMALL SCHOOL PROBLEM

DEAR SMALL SCHOOL PROBLEM: Discuss current events, pop culture or school activities. Tell him about things you like. Because many high school-age boys are interested in sports, find out which ones he's interested in and ask questions about those. Unless he's sports-averse, I can almost guarantee it'll generate conversation.

DEAR ABBY: Today I received the best news ever. My son and his wife are expecting their first child. I am beyond happy for them.

I was so excited, I couldn't wait to tell my husband. His reaction? "Don't tell me 'Cathy' is pregnant! I hope your son will be able to support it!" "IT" is my future first grandchild—and my

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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husband's first (step-)grandchild.

My son and his wife do very well financially. He has a great job and is up for a promotion. I always feel like no matter what I say, my husband always has to put a negative spin on it. Or am I overreacting?

HAPPY GRANDMA-TO-BE

DEAR HAPPY: Your husband either has a questionable sense of humor or enjoys putting people down. Surely you knew this before you married him, so rather than dwell on it, choose not to let him rain on your parade.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Brad Keselowski, 34; Christina Ricci, 38; Darren Aronofsky, 49; Josh Brolin, 50.

Happy Birthday: The more discreet you are, the easier it will be to get things done. Refuse to let anyone drag you into his or her dilemma. Concentrate on being your best. Set realistic goals and take precise action to avoid setbacks and frustration. Use your intellect to guide you in a direction that honors hard work dedication and long-term success. Your numbers are 1, 13, 20, 23, 36, 38, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make moves for the right reasons. Acting on impulse instead of foresight will lead to a mistake that will be difficult to rectify. An intelligent assessment of the situation you are facing will pay off. OO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expand your interests to include skills and knowledge that can complement what you already have to offer. Slowly explore options that can be applied to help others. Your input will lead to advancement. Change should begin within. **00000**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Easy does it. Only take on what you know you can handle. If you overstep your bounds, someone will let you know. Change will cause controversy. Have a backup plan ready to implement. Learn from your mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stop worrying about what everyone else is doing and start making plans to engage in the activities and events that entice you. Use

your imagination and you will come up with a plan that enhances your personal life and relationships. OOO

bring about change. Use your knowledge to overcome excessive behavior or to ensure that you don't let generosity leave you low on funds. Focus on equality when dealing with partnerships of any kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's up to you to bring about change. Do what suits you, not what someone else wants you to do. Following in someone else's footsteps instead of branching out and doing your own thing will be a letdown.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't count on inside help. You'll meet with opposition if you make changes at home. Get involved in activities or events that allow you to use vour intelligence. A short trip or unusual purchase will be enlightening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stay focused on what you can realistically accomplish. Your input will help to temper what's going on around you. Accept change as part of a necessary process. Don't put blame

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ease into your day. Keep past experience in mind so you know what to watch out for when dealing with friends and relatives. Patience and common sense will be necessary. Honesty is encouraged, even if it

where it doesn't belong.

EUGENIA LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's up to you to

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sonal achievements are highlighted. Spend

more time honing your skills, updating your

image or looking for a unique way to make money using your talent, experience and knowledge. Don't

follow others — do your own thing. ••• AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Walk away from temptation. Know your limits and stick to what works best for you. Change can be good as long as you stick to what you know is doable and say "no" to unrealistic

ventures. Know your boundaries. 200 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your intuitive insight to help those less fortunate. What you offer others will be re-

warding, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. Know your limitations and don't let anyone deprive you of peace of mind. OOOO

Birthday Baby: You are clever, outgoing and popular. You are dedicated and loyal.

To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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HOW TO PLAY; All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD. USING TOUCHSCREENS Solution: 8 letter

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

: CIVIL ACTION In the Matter of the Estate of NO. 18-0009

ANTONIO GUILIMON ADRIANO

Deceased.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diego M. Masga has filed an Amended Petition for Letters o Administration upon the Estate of Antonio Guilimon Adriano, deceased; and that the said Amended Petition will be heard by the Court on March 15, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Antonio Guilimon Adriano, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

/s/ Clerk of Court

ROSE MARIE A. GUILLERMO P.O. BOX 520240 TINIAN, MP 96952 (670) 433-0034 / (670) 783-6346

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

ROSE MARIE A.) FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION GUILLERMO NO. 17-0333 Petitioner SUMMONS FOR

RUBEN GUILLERMO) SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION Respondent,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 520240. Tinian. MP 96952 as soon as practical after filing vour answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2018.

Clerk of Court

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SALES MANAGER

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Tel: (670) 285-3750 • Fax. (670) 234-5749 Attorney for Petitioner Ashley Baza Bornilla

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSE SANTOS SALAS.

Civil Action No. 18-0036 NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX: and NOTICE TO CREDITORS Judge: Joseph N. Camacho Date: March 01, 2018 Deceased.

Time: 9:00 A.M

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Ashley Baza has petitioned the Superior Court of th Letters of Administration for the **Estate of Jose Santos Salas, Decedent.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Oliver** Manalang Manglona, Attorney at Law, who address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 7862 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by **Ashley Baza Bornilla**, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on March 01, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having daims Any and all persons, creators, or entruise naving dains against the Decedent or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their daims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the daim(s) will be barred. A copy foyur daim should also be sent to OLIVER M. MANGLONA, Attorney at Law at the address above indicated.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2018

/s/ Gerk of Court Deputy Gerk of Court

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- (6) Maintenance Repairer \$7.25/hr
- (5) Mason \$7.25/hr.
- (4) General Maintenance \$7.25/hr.
- (1) Accountant \$7.25 to \$8.00/hr.

For more information, please call our office at Kannat Tabla Drive, Saipan MP 96950.

Tel: 670-234-1495 or Cell: 788-1495 or email us at: arieInvillanueva@gmail.com

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Building Repairer Maintenance \$7.05

- Administrative Assistant \$7.05
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- 3 years of experience required

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info@fishingtacklesaipan.com no later than February 25, 2018

PACIFIC MARINE ENTERPRISES INC. **JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

- **DUTIES:** Fabricate and assemble metal structures and equipment through the use of welders, cutters, shapers and measuring tools. Welders produce metal products according to customer or employer specifications. They use multiple welding machines to repair and maintain metal equipment and structures of various sizes. Welders read and interpret diagrams, sketches and blueprints to determine operations, required materials and timeframes for projects. Set up, operate and maintain welding equipment. They understand and implement personal and company safety measures by wearing specialized goggles, believed to add layers.
- QUALIFICATIONS: Proven experience as welder, Experience using a variety of welding equipment and procedures (TIG, MMA etc.)Experience in using electrical or manual tools (saws, squares, calipers etc.)Ability to read and interpret technical documents and drawings, Knowledge of relative safety standards and willingness to use protective clothing (face-shield, gloves etc.)Defress and attention to detail

 Successful completion of a relevant apprenticeship program is required,
 Professional Certification (e.g., an AWS welding certificate)
- **HOURLY RATE:** Determined based on qualifications

(2) Metal Sheet Fabricator

- DUTIES: Fabricates and assembles structural metal products, such as framework or shells for machinery, ovens, tanks, stacks, and metal parts for buildings and bridges according to job order, verbal instructions, and blueprints. Develops layout and plans sequence of operations, applying knowledge of trigonometry, stock allowances for thickness, machine and welding shrinkage, and physical properties of metal. Locates and anowances for unkness, inactinic and welding similarity, and up injustical properties of inetal. Locates and marks bending and cutting lines onto work piece. Sets up and operates fabricating machines, such as brakes, rolls, shears, flame cutters, and drill presses. Designs and constructs templates and fixtures. Verifies conformance of work piece to specifications, using square, ruler, and measuring tape. May fabricate and assemble sheet metal products. May set up and operate machine tools associated with fabricating shops, such as radial drill press, end mill, and edge planer.
- QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum of High school and/or Associate's degree.
- 5 related work experience and/or training, MUST be able to report to facility Mon-Fri 8AM 5PM, Able
- to work additional overtime hours and some weekends as needed **HOURLY RATE**: Determined based on qualifications

- **DUTIES:** Provide support to successful completion of construction and engineering work: Operate all heavy equipment like cranes, earth movers, bulldozers, front-end loaders, and other related equipment. Operate the equipment in the right direction and angles to prevent accidents and damage of property. Ensure and
- the equipment in the right direction and angles to prevent accidents and damage or property. Ensure and manage the machines or equipment in a safe and secure way. Perform periodical safety, maintenance or servicing checks to ensure proper functioning of the equipment.

 * Perform minor repair works during functioning problems Inform and advise the management or repairmen for major repairs or maintenance Drive and control the equipment Perform road work, excavation work, lifting work, etc.
- Respond to signals and directions by the staff and work in coordination with them
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 Operate the equipment manually and also through the use of electronic or technical methods of operation. Work in adherence to safe practices, procedures, and work site or traffic laws. Report to the senior operation manager Perform other duties, as and when assigned.
- QUALIFICATIONS: 3 7 years work experience, MUST be able to pass a drug and background screen. MUST be able to report to facility Mon-Fri 8AM – 5PM, Able to work additional overtime hours and some weekends as needed
 HOURLY RATE: Determined based on qualifications

(3) Painter, General Maintenance and Repair Workers

DUTIES: Participates in general cleaning, painting, and repair work. Uses hand tools and power tools in making minor maintenance repairs and maintaining grounds and walks. Assists in shipping and receiving of supplies and materials. Provides assistance to staff, visitors, and other employees as necessary. Checks will the other provides as the contract of the staff.

- Receives oral or written orders from Head Custodian and Head of Building Services. Performs work according to standard procedure and by building's operational schedule. Cleans rooms, hallways, restrooms, offices, stairways and windows. Uses brooms, mops, and floor equipment to sweep, mop, strip and wax floors. Uses vacuum cleaners to clean rugs, carpets, upholstered furniture and blinds. Dusts furniture and equipment. Washes walls, ceilings, woodwork, windows, doors and sills, Makes minor carpentry, electrical, mechanical and plumbing repairs. Performs touch up and finish painting. Empties wastebaskets. Replenishes restroom supplies. Replaces light bulbs. Sets up and tears down chairs, tables and equipment in meeting rooms. and equipment in meeting rooms, and function rooms. Opens and closes building according to security procedures. Reports work accomplished grally or on written work order to supervisor
- QUALIFICATIONS: 3 7 years work experience. MUST be able to pass a drug and background screen. MUST
 be able to report to facility Mon-Fri 8AM 5PM,Able to work additional overtime hours and some weekends
- as needed
 HOURLY RATE: Determined based on qualifications.

(3) Auto Motive Diesel Mechanic

- DUTIES: Start motors and monitor performance for signs of malfunctioning, such as smoke, excessive vibration, or misfiring. Observe equipment in operation to detect potential problems. Document inspection and test results and work performed or to be performed. Document test results. Mount motors to boats and operate boats at various speeds on waterways to conduct operational tests. Position equipment using hand tools, power tools, or heavy equipment. Mount motors to boats and operate boats at various speeds on waterways to conduct operational tests. Conduct operational tests. Position equipment using hand tools, power tools, or heavy equipment. Perform routine engine maintenance on motorboats, such as changing oil and filters.

 * Service vehicles to maintain functionality. Inspect and repair or adjust propellers or propeller shafts.
 - Inspect mechanical components of vehicles to identify problems. Repair defective engines or engine components
- Read and interpret diagnostic test results from diagnostic equipment such as an oscilloscope, which is used to measure the voltage produced by electronic components
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 is used to measure the voltage produced by electronic components
 Raise trucks, buses, and heavy parts or equipment by using hydraulic jacks or hoists
- Inspect brake systems, steering mechanisms, transmissions, engines, and other parts of vehicles Do routine maintenance, such as changing oil, checking batteries, and lubricating equipment and parts Adjust and align wheels, tighten holts and screws, and attach system components
- Repair or replace malfunctioning components, parts, and other mechanical or electrical equipment Test-drive vehicles to ensure that they run smoothly
- IALIFICATIONS: Minimum of High school and/or Associate's degree. 3 5 related work experience and/or training, MUST be able to report to facility Mon-Fri 8AM 5PM,Able

nts must be able to work on flexible hours with valid driver's license.

HOURLY RATE: Determined based on qualifications

to work additional overtime hours and some weekends as needed

Please email resume to pme@pticom.com or Mail resume at Pacific Marine Enterprises Inc. PMB 181 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950 no later than February 25, 2018

KING'S INC. DBA KING'S JEWELRY **JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT**

• (1) GOLDSMITH/PRECIOUS METAL WORKER

MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE TO FABRICATE, DESIGN, REPAIR, SIZING, SETTING AND MOUNTING GEM STONE, INCLUDING DIAMOND AND METAL CARVING, HAWAIIAN STYLE.

• (1) JEWELRY CASTING TECHNICIAN

TO MAKE MODELS OR MOLD TO CREATE JEWELRY, FABRICATE, REPAIR, SETTING, MOUNTING GEMSTONE, ETC.

Salary: \$7.05 - \$9.00 per Hour - Full Time Experience: Min. of 5 years in Gold Smith

Interested applicants may send their resume to King's Inc. P.O. Box 5050 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 or pick up application form from our office at Paseo de Marianas next to Paris Croissant Bakery. Deadline for a submission is no later than 5:00pm on February 23, 2018.

MECHILLE CORPORATION

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

(1) ACCOUNTANT (1) INTERIOR DESIGNER/SALES (4) INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, **REPAIR WORKERS AND ALL**

Interested applicants may send their resume to mechillecorporation@gmail.com or pick up application form at our Office at Kannat Tabla Dr. Monsignor Rd. across Café Mango Six. Deadline for submission is no later than 5:00pm on February 23, 2018

Gemkell Saipan Corp. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Boutique Supervisor (2)

High School Diploma or a GED with one (1) to two (2) years of related or applicable work and management experience in luxury retail environment. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Must be familiar with the POS System.

Interested applicants may send their applications or resumes via email to gemkell_recruitment@tanholdings.com.

To be considered, resumes/application documents must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on Febuary 19, 2018. Applications for Employment are available at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort. Background checks and pre-employment drug test will be required prior to employment.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Accountant

Qualifications: Must be a College Degree with at least five year experience in General Accounting. Must be knowledgeable in the preparation of Financial Statements. Must be knowledgeable in Peach Tree and be able to work flexible hours. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience beginning at \$700.00/semi-monthly.

Interested applicants are requested to fill up the company's application form and submit with a copy of Driver's License at our office in Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Ground Floor no later than February 19, 2018.

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



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Darvish, Cubs reach \$126M, 6-year deal



(AP)—Thewinter-long

dance is over. Yu Darvish is joining the Chicago Cubs.

Darvish has agreed to a \$126 million, six-year contract with Chicago, giving the Cubs one of the deepest rotations in baseball and taking one of the top players off the slow-moving free agent market.

The 31-year-old Darvish met with Cubs officials way back in December and the sides remained in contact while the right-hander listened to other potential suitors. Texas, Milwaukee, Minnesota and the New York Yankees also reportedly expressed some level of interest, but Chicago's approach paid off with the agreement just days before the start of spring training.

A person with direct knowledge of the deal confirmed the contract to The Associated Press on Saturday on condition of anonymity because there was no official announcement. The move was first reported by The Athletic.

The addition of Darvish gives the Cubs a big boost as they try to return to the World



Series after winning the title two years ago for the first time since 1908. He joins a formidable rotation that includes Jon Lester, Kyle Hendricks, Jose Quintana and Tyler Chatwood, who agreed to a \$38

million, three-year contract in December.

Darvish finished last season with the Los Angeles Dodgers, helping them knock out the defending champion Cubs in the playoffs to reach the World Series. The Japanese star is expected to take the rotation spot of Jake Arrieta, who became a free agent after a successful run in the Windy City.

The deal for Darvish could help unlock the slow offseason across the sport. Arrieta, who won the NL Cy Young Award in 2015, remains on the market, and Alex Cobb and Lance Lynn also could draw more interest with Darvish locked up.

Darvish went 4-3 with a 3.44 ERA in nine starts with the Dodgers down the stretch. He shut down the Cubs in Game 3 of the NLCS, striking out seven while pitching 6 1/3 innings of one-run ball in a 6-1 victory at Wrigley Field.

But Darvish was hit hard in the World Series against Houston, managing just five outs in each of his two starts including a loss in Game 7 and there was talk he was tipping his pitches.

The four-time All-Star has had injury problems, missing the 2015 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery. He began last year with Texas and was traded to Los Angeles in July, going a combined 10-12 with a 3.86 ERA.

In this Nov. 1, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Yu Darvish throws during the first inning of Game 7 of baseball's World Series against the Houston Astros, in Los Angeles.

The deal with Darvish comes after the Cubs agreed to a minor league contract with Chris Gimenez, who regularly caught Darvish while they were in Texas and developed a trusted working relationship with the pitcher.

Meanwhile, Atlanta pitcher Mike Foltynewicz and Oakland pitcher Kendall Graveman have lost to their teams in salary arbitration.

The decisions Saturday left players with a 7-6 lead. There is one decision pending in the case of Cleveland pitcher Trevor Bauer and nine hearings scheduled for next week.

Foltynewicz went to arbitration with the Braves over a difference of \$100,000, the smallest gap in a hearing since 1994. He will get a raise from \$544,000 to \$2.2 million, rather than the \$2.3 million he requested.

Foltynewicz was 10-13 with a 4.79 ERA last year in a career-high 28 starts and one relief appearance for Atlanta.

Graveman goes \$545,000 to \$2.36 million, instead of the \$2.6 million he sought. He was 6-4 with a 4.19 ERA in 19 starts and spent considerable time on the disabled list because of a strained right shoulder.

uarterbacks will dominate 2018 offseason



NEW YORK (AP)—Quarterbacks will rule the NFL's offsea-

Beginning with Alex Smith going to Washington when the league's new year starts next month and Jimmy Garoppolo agreeing to a record-breaking deal with San Francisco on Thursday , several quarterbacks will find new riches and many teams will land new QBs in 2018.

Tom Brady may have been denied another championship but not his coordinator, and some believe Josh McDaniels' sudden change of heart this week in spurning the Indianapolis Colts was related to doubts about Andrew Luck's health.

Either way, McDaniels is staying in New England to help the Patriots bounce back from their 41-33 loss to Philadelphia in Super Bowl 52.

The Eagles aren't just celebrating their first championship since 1960, but also an abundance of talent at the position in franchise QB Carson Wentz and Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles.

Should Wentz's recovery from knee surgery go well, the Eagles will have a huge bargaining chip to help restock their roster.

Wentz's injury rehab will be closely watched this offseason, just like Aaron Rodgers `repaired collarbone in Green Bay and DeShaun Watson 's torn ACL in Houston.

Those teams figure to be contenders for Super Bowl 53 in Atlanta if their quarterbacks are healthy. A dozen other teams will either jockey for their next star or dole out big bucks to keep the one they have.

> Kirk Cousins and Drew Brees lead an exceptionally large group of veteran quarterbacks lined up for big paydays and possibly new opportunities that includes the Minnesota Vikings' trio of Teddy Bridgewater, Case Keenum and Sam Bradford.

> Garoppolo, Brady's longtime backup, got a five-year contract from the 49ers that will pay him a reported \$137.5 million to keep him off the free-agent market without forcing the team to use the one-year franchise tag.

NFL Network first reported the terms of the contract, which is worth \$27.5 million per season to top the previous record set by Detroit's Matthew Stafford last year by \$500,000 per year -- but presumably will soon be surpassed by Brees or Cousins.

San Francisco acquired Garoppolo from New England before the trade deadline for a 2018 second-round pick. He led the 49ers to five straight wins to end the season, pushing his record as a starter to 7-0.

Teams that miss out on one of the prized free agents can look to the draft, which features Baker Mayfield, Josh Allen, Sam Darnold, Josh Rosen, Lamar Jackson and Mason Rudolph.

The quarterback carousel began in the days before the Super Bowl when Kansas City agreed to trade Smith to the Redskins.

The deal, which cannot be finalized until March 14, spells the end of Cousins' time in Washington and hands the Chiefs' job to Patrick Mahomes III, the 10th pick in last year's draft out of Texas Tech.

So, Smith, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft, moves on to his third team just as he's coming off the best season of his 13-year career.

"I think Washington is getting a phenomenal player, a great leader," Rodgers said last week while discussing the league's current quarterback commotion.

"Now you've got Kirk Cousins, what's going to happen with him? You've got probably five guys that are going to get drafted in the first round, Jimmy Garoppolo and his situation.

"There's a lot of moving

In the not-too-distant future, Rodgers could find himself one of them.

Rodgers, 34, has two years left on his contract and if he stays healthy in 2018, he'll be in line for a mega payday that could obliterate any of the deals that will be signed.

Rodgers told the AP last week that he wants to play well into his 40s and might have to finish his career in another team's uniform as Brett Favre did.

US Soccer reboots, elects Cordeiro president
OPI ANDO Fla. (AP)— Cordeiro said. "There's a U.S. women's goal-Carlos Cordeiro insists he's the right choice to lead the U.S. Soccer Federation, which must chart a new

course after its men's national team failed to qualify for this year's World Cup. The 61-year-old business executive won the governing body's presidential election

Saturday. He succeeds Sunil

Gulati, who led the organiza-

tion since 2006. Cordeiro was Gulati's righthand man the past two years. Now, he's charged, among other things with running the U.S. end of a bid with Mexico and Canada for the right to host the 2026 World Cup.

Other priorities include the hiring of a general manager for the men's team, a position Cordeiro said must be filled before launching a coaching search.

He reiterated the ultimate goal is to help soccer realize its vast potential in the United States.

"I think we have an opportunity to really transform it into a No. 1 sport. I think the demographics favor that,"

reason why the millennials identify with soccer, so I think that's very much in our favor. We have

to do a number of things ourselves to make it happen, and make it happen more rapidly."

Cordeiro, a former Goldman Sachs partner, was elected on the third ballot with 68.6 percent of the vote. The field initially featured eight candidates. Cordeiro pulled away from Kathy Carter, who is on leave as president of Major League Soccer's marketing arm

Carter had the backing of MLS Commissioner Don Garber and narrowly trailed Cordeiro on the first ballot. MLS, as well as the National Women's Soccer League and United Soccer League, shifted their support to Cordeiro after the second ballot.

The other candidates were: former men's national team players Paul Caligiuri, Kyle Martino and Eric Wynalda, lawyers Steve Gans and Michael Winograd and former keeper Hope Solo.

All the challengers to Cordeiro and Carter-both with close ties to Gulati-campaigned for change within the organization. All eight were given five minutes to address delegates before voting began.

"The two establishment candidates, Carlos Cordeiro and Kathy Carter, haven't just been part of the system, they have created and shaped into what it is today," Solo said. "A vote for either one of them is a vote for the status quo."

Cordeiro, however, said he was the only candidate with the experience and plan to "hit the ground running on day one and deliver the change we need."

"We have made progress, but we need to make more. Today, the status quo is unacceptable," he said. "U.S. Soccer needs to change, transformational change. This vote comes down to one simple question: Who can actually deliver that change?

Warriors beat Spurs to give Kerr 250th win



Kerr trash talked old coach Phil Jackson, now the secondquickest to 250 wins behind his former Bulls player.

Then, Kerr offered credit where he always does: to his uber-talented roster of All-Stars.

Klay Thompson scored 25 points, 10 coming in the third quarter to help Golden State pull away, and the Warriors beat the San Antonio Spurs 122-105 on Saturday night.

Fellow Splash Brother Stephen Curry added 17 points and eight assists in Kerr's milestone night.

"It's been an amazing 3 1/2 years and hopefully more to come," Curry said. "... It's a lot about him setting the identity and the culture around our team and just being a great people guy. There's probably a better term for that. He just knows how to relate to each and every one of us players and his coaching staff and you're building that ultimate trust throughout the organization."

Kerr reached 250 wins in 302 games to top Jackson, who made the mark in 346 games.

"He had Michael Jordan for God sake, so I don't know what Phil's problem was," Kerr cracked.

Yet Kerr, the 2016 NBA Coach of the Year, received 39 victories during a leave of absence following complications from back surgery at the start of the 2015-16 season, when then-top assistant and current Lakers coach Walton coached Golden State.

Draymond Green had 17 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds in another wellrounded outing -- and his first technical-free game in the last three. Zaza Pachulia scored 12 points on his 34th birthday and Kevin Durant was limited to a season-low 10 points in a rare cold night from the floor at 3 of 9, but had six rebounds and dished out six assists.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Kyle Anderson led San Antonio with 20 points apiece, while Manu Ginobili had 13 points and six assists off the bench for the Spurs.

Thompson had a quick fivepoint burst midway through the third.

Curry provided a brief scare when he grimaced after appearing to get a foot tangled with Danny Green before a break at the 8:45 mark of the third. He was examined by athletic trainer Chelsea Lane and stayed in the game.

"I'm fine ... my ankle but I'm



fine," Curry said with a grin.

Mavericks 130, Lakers 123

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 22 points, Harrison Barnes had 21 and last-place Dallas spoiled Isaiah Thomas' strong debut with the Lakers.

Thomas finished with 22 points and already looks like a better fit in coach Luke Walton's offense than he did in an ill-fated 15-game stint with Cleveland after the offseason trade that sent Kyrie Irving to Boston.

The diminutive guard's first half with the Lakers was his highest-scoring half of the season, a team-high 16 points.

Doug McDermott had eight points in his Dallas debut following a deadline deal that brought him from New York and was part of a youthful closing lineup that outscored the Lakers 13-5 in the final 3:09.

76ers 112, Clippers 98 In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid had 29 points and tied a career high with 16 rebounds, and Philadelphia beat Los Angeles for its third straight victory.

JJ Redick and T.J. McConnell each had 17 points for the 76ers, who were 10 of 17 (58.8 percent) from 3-point range in the first half and shot 55.1 percent overall to lead 69-55 at halftime. Ben Simmons had 14 points, 10 assists and five rebounds.

Former Sixers guard Lou Williams led the Clippers with 23 points, and Danilo

Gallinari had 22.

Wizards 101, Bulls 90

In Chicago, Tomas Satoransky scored a career-high 25 points on 10-of-12 shooting and Washington beat Chicago.

Satoransky's career night, though, was cut short. He fell hard to the court and hit his head after being fouled with 2+ minutes left in the game. He was taken to the locker room bleeding from the right temple.

Otto Porter Jr. and Mike

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, center, looks to shoot past San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili (20) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

Scott had 15 points apiece as the Wizards won for the sixth time in seven games.

Justin Holiday had 15 points and Bobby Portis added 13 for Chicago, which has dropped eight of nine.

Bucks 111, Magic 104

In Orlando, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 32 points and Jason Terry came off the bench to score 11 points in the second half in Milwaukee's victory over Orlando.

A couple of 3-pointers by the 40-year-old Terry put the Bucks ahead to stay late in the third quarter, although the game staved close until Antetokounmpo's three-point play made it 107-100 with 45.7 seconds left. Milwaukee stayed ahead by hitting 13 of 20 shots in the fourth quarter, winning for the eighth time in 10 games.

Mario Hezonja led Orlando with 23 points. Evan Fournier added 20, and Shelvin Mack had 19.

Khris Middleton had 21 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for Milwaukee.

Pelicans 138, Nets 128, 20T

In New York, Anthony Davis had 44 points and 17 rebounds, Rajon Rondo had a triple-double, and New Orleans recovered after blowing a 28-point lead to beat Brooklyn.

Rondo finished with 25 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds as the Pelicans snapped a three-game losing streak. Nikola Mirotic had 21 points and 16 boards, and Jrue Holiday chipped in 22 points.

Allen Crabbe made eight 3-pointers and scored 28 points for the Nets, who have lost their last four games.

Nuggets 123, Suns 113

In Phoenix, Wilson Chandler scored 26 points, Will Barton had 25 point and Denver used an extended second-half run to take control in a victory over Phoenix.

Nikola Jokic had 21 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and Gary Harris had 13 points for the Nuggets, who have won four of five.

TJ Warren had 31 points and Dragan Bender had a careerhigh 23 for the Suns, who have lost five in a row, 10 of 11 and 13 of 15. One of those wins came in Denver on Jan. 19. Their only other victory in that stretch was against Dallas at home.

Hill: Cavs 'got to be all Robins' to LeBron's Batman

ATLANTA (AP)—By trading to figure it out." away Isaiah Thomas as part of three deadline-day deals, the Cleveland Cavaliers officially abandoned the "Big Three" structure it rode to three straight NBA Finals appearances.

What became clear after George Hill, Rodney Hood, Jordan Clarkson and Larry Nance Jr. participated in their first practice with the Cavs on Saturday is that the pecking order has been shifted in Cleveland. Everything will flow through LeBron James—even more so than before—and then everyone else will fill in around the four-time MVP and threetime champion.

"We have one of the best players in the history of the game, I'm sure he's going to dictate the tempo and things like that," said Hill. "We just got do our job, be the best role players we can possibly be. He's the Batman and we got to be all Robins. We got

When asked whom the No. 2 scorer will now be after James, Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said that while Kevin Love is out with a broken left hand, it could be just about anybody.

"LeBron is No. 1 and then after that, it's going to be, you know, different guys on different nights," Lue said. "We said that when the season first started. It could be Hood tonight. It could be George Hill. It could be Clarkson. It could be Jeff Green, [Kyle] Korver. So, you never know. Just LeBron, he's going to make those guys better, I know that for sure. But every night it could be somebody different."

Cleveland will trot out a different lineup when it faces Kyrie Irving and the Boston Celtics on Sunday (3:30 p.m. ET, ABC). Lue said he will start Hill and JR Smith in the backcourt, James and rookie Cedi Osman in the front court, and Tristan Thompson

All four new additions will be available to play Sunday,

The Cavs are actually 5-3 in their past eight games after all the doom and gloom they've experienced in the past several months. Lue hopes the roster reinvention will keep them winning games.

"These guys, it's going to take a while for them to catch up but it's just good having them on the floor." Lue said. "Just trying to start all over again with our teaching and we'll just see how it goes."

Hood and Hill were able to participate in the Cavs' full practice, as everyone else involved in their three-team trade had already been processed in Sacramento and Utah. Hill passed his physical with the Cavs and said the big toe injury that has reportedly plagued him was a thing of the past.

"Toe's great," he said. "I haven't felt my toe [injury] since last year, so, I'm happy about it."

Clarkson and Nance Jr. were sidelined for approximately the first 20 minutes of practice, according to the Cavs, while the Los Angeles Lakers finished clearing Channing Frye's medicals.

Lue said that Hood could eventually start—either in place of Smith or alongside him—and that Nance Jr. could as well when Cleveland faces an outsized opponent. For now, the onus is on the group to pick up the Cavs' sets as quick as possible. Hill, a 10-year veteran, will start because he is capable enough to, as Lue put it, "just run some pick-and-rolls.

The four new faces come in with all sorts of preexisting ties to the Cavs and to one another. Nance Jr. and Clarkson have been teammates their entire careers in L.A. Hill and Hood were teammates in Utah during the 2016-17 season.

Saipan Marathon is Mamiko's favorite

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been competing in various internation 1 Mamiko Berger has various international long distance running events with her husband, ABRO Joshua, but the Saipan International Marathon holds a special place in her heart.

Mamiko is fresh from winning the 13th Annual Sedona Marathon early this month in Sedona, Arizona. She was the 10th fastest runner overall, completing the 42.2-kilometer race in 3:37:26 to rule the women's division. She and her husband are now based in Bangkok, Thailand but said that she proudly continues to represent the CNMI in international racing events.

"We currently have a place in Bangkok but we are still residents of Saipan and I am so proud of representing the NMI," Mamiko told Saipan Tribune.

The 2008 Saipan Marathon was Berger's inaugural 42K event. Her debut win, six championships, and record time (3:09:49)) are

what make the Saipan Marathon a memorable race for her.

"Josh and I have done the Portland, Paris, Big Sur (California), San Francisco, Mt. Fuji and several marathons in Japan, but the Saipan Marathon will always be my favorite," Makiko said. "The Saipan Marathon was my very first marathon race. The Saipan Marathon, with Northern Marianas Athletics, helped raise me to become a marathoner."

She clocked in at 3:51:28 to top the 2008 race and earned the fastest time in the women's division in 2012, breaking the 3:10:03 mark of Japan's Mayu Mochizuki in 2010. Her other victories in Saipan Marathon, which will hit the road this March 10,

were recorded in 2009 and ROSELYN MONROYO from 2014 to 2016. Saipan Tribune asked

Mamiko if she's returning to the island next month to vie for her seventh championship, but has yet to respond at press time.

Meanwhile, Mamiko thanked her husband for his tips in tackling Sedona marathon, which is considered as one of the toughest races in the mainland because of its high altitude that reaches an elevation of 4,326 feet.

"The Sedona race, especially the full marathon course, is famous for the hills, high altitude, and mixing with a pave and dirt road. Because of this, no one tries to have a fast result. [But] Josh is such an experienced athlete and he advised me to go at least one minute per mile slower, which helped me tremendously," Mamiko said.

Despite being warned that

Mamiko Berger celebrates as she crosses the finish line of the 2015 Saipan Marathon.

the Sedona marathon is a tough race because of the uphill climbs, Mamiko said she was not intimidated and just enjoyed the run.

"I was told that I would have a tough race but since the course was so beautiful and all of the volunteers, even the runners, were so friendly, I just forgot everything or I didn't notice any of these hills," she said. "So, bottomline, I didn't have any major problems, except that I went off course a couple of times and it took me some time to warm up."

Mamiko registered a pace of 8:18 per kilometer in the Sedona Marathon and logged a 17:41 lead over Maria Ladd of Albuquerque, New Mexico (3:55:07).



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Kim were elected as first and second vice president, while Jaja Samonte, Elna Curate, Hannah Choi, Lani Santos, and Patrick Fernandez joined them in the board. Tolentino, who replaced Tae Ho Kim, appointed Christy Villaflor as NMBA's secretary general after the group's election. Shirley Kim remains as the group's treasurer.

Tolentiono said that one of their plans is to hold a short tournament just to get the members' interest, especially

the youth, back into the sport.

"It's just like a revival tournament. The board will have to meet so we could come up with the format. There won't be any registration yet, but you need to be an active member in order for you to join. We're going to come out with the format soon," the new NMBA head said.

Tae Ho Kim, in his message, also thanked the group for giving him the chance to serve as president. "I thank all of you for the opportunity to lead our group. I wish the new board to be successful with its plans."

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next year's competition, joining powerhouse South Korea, Thailand, Kazakhstan, China, Hong Kong, and either Japan or Thailand. Japan and Thailand made it to the finals of the Group I competition being held in India and the winner will be promoted to the World Group, while the loser will remain in the Asia/Oceania Zone.

Pacific Oceania moved a step away from advancing to Group I of the 2018 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone after sweeping the elimination round (Pool C). Carol and company capped their perfect record (9-0) in Pool play with a victory over No. 3 seed and world No. 55 Malaysia last Friday. Carruthers and Tere-Apisah posted contrasting wins in the singles matches with the former pulling off a 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-5) triumph over Theiviya Selvarajoo and the latter coasting past Suhana Sofia, 6-2, 6-0, to seal the deal for Pacific Oceania. In the

doubles, Carruthers and Tere-Apisah also needed only two wins to beat Jawairish Noor-

din and Sofia, 6-4, 6-2.

Besides downing Malaysia, the Gilles de Gouy-captained Pacific Oceania also shut down Iran and Oman in Pool C with Lee playing in two singles matches and winning both by nearly blanking her two opponents. The CNMI player gave up only a point in her sweep against Kimiya Asbaghipour and then showed no mercy to Oman's Maryam Al Balushi, 6-0, 6-0, in her second singles assignment.

With Lee and her two teammates topping Pool C and making it all the way to the finals, Pacific Oceania will be playing in Group I for the third time. The squad, which first played in the Fed Cup, was promoted to Group I in 1999 and returned to the select group in 2001. Last year in Tajikistan, Carol, Carruthers, Tere-Apisah, and New Caledonia's Mayka Zima defeated Singapore, 3-0, to keep their spot in Group II.

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Marianas Island Basketball Federation development officer Elias Rangamar is expected to name the members of the CNMI men's and women's national basketball teams next month.

Rangamar started conducting tryout sessions for both national squads, which would don the CNMI colors in this year's Micronesian Games in Yap, last week. Tryouts for the women's team were held on Feb. 5 and last Saturday. The men's division had its first tryout also last weekend and will have two more Saturday sessions, Feb. 17 and 24, as players from Rota and Tinian are expected to join the pool, which may also include those who are currently in the mainland.

The MIBF official said that they are pressed for time since the ninth edition of the Micro Games is set from July 15 to 28.

"We really need to get things going. After the two Saturdays, I will have a few days to go over the list of player before naming the final lineup. We will selection. I would breakonly have three months to train before the Micro Games. All off-island players that would be chosen must be here the entire three months to join the team's practice and preparations," Rangamar said.

Rangamar to name NMI cage teams in March

mar said.

He added that he would review everyone's capabilities to make sure the CNMI will have a competitive team.

"I would need to go over the names before making a final

down their strengths and weaknesses. In that way, they would understand why they did not make it to the team. Right now, I just looked at some of their basic skills, like their footwork," Ranga-

Desrei Camacho, who attended the women's tryout last Saturday, is hoping to earn a spot on the team to get the chance to represent the CNMI.

"I just started playing basketball last year when I was still a freshman. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I will be picked," said the Marianas High School 10th grader.

She said that Rangamar just let them do some light drills.

"He just watched us do passing and layups. Basically, some of the fundamental basketball drills. He then told us to come back at 6pm on Monday."



Marianas Island Basketball Federation development officer Elias Rangamar gives instructions to players who attended the tryout for the CNMI men's national basketball team last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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match after stunning No. 1 seed Nason Wessel, 7-6, 0-6, 10-8, while Jun Sheol Hwang defeated La Hunn Lam, 6-2, 6-4. In the third match, No. 1 seed David Kwon outclassed Alvin Bang, 6-0, 6-2. The player with the best win-loss record in the round-robin play will take the division championship.

In the boys U14 singles, two matches were played last Saturday with Eubin Park and

Hyunmin Cho on the winning end. The No. 4 seed Park swept Jae Hoon Son, 6-1, 6-1, to advance to the quarterfinals where the former was set to challenge the winner in the match between Isaac Heo and Joey Hong. Cho, on the other hand, beat Mingi Jung, 6-4, 6-0, to arrange a quarterfinal date against No. 2 seed Daniel Kang, who drew a bye in the first round.

In the boys U16 singles, only one match was scheduled last Saturday with Sam Ryu prevailing against Daniel Heo, 6-4, 6-0. With the victory, Ryu earned the right to face No. 1 seed Robbie Schorr in the quarterfinals. Schorr, along with No. 2 seed Ken Song, Eugene Park, No. 3 Ji Min Woo, Kazuma Nakabayashi, Seung Jin Paik, and Sean Lee got byes in the opening round.

Lee and Paik were then slated to face off in the Round of 8 with the winner meeting either Schorr or Ryu in the semifinals at the upper half of the draw. In the lower half, the quarterfinals pairing were Woo versus Nakabayashi and Song against Park.

Meanwhile, games in the boys and girls U10, men's and women's over 40, and women's singles will be played this weekend. The men's singles, which featured seven players. had its first round of matches yesterday and results were unavailable at press time. The complete results in the opening week of the 2018 Coconut Classic will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Tuesday and Wednesday issues.

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Champion Ronald Villafria, center, Rommel Buenaflor, left, and Mamoru Kadokura raise their hands after receiving their medals in the men's 40 to 49 division



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Chiharu Sato, center, celebrates after winning the women's 40 to 49 age group and is joined in the photo by Akiko Miller, left, and Malou Carlos.



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Rodel Zamudio, center, Mark Isip, left, and Rene Gaviola are all smiles after placing in the Top 3 in the men's 50 to 59 age group.

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager Wendi Herring, second left front row, and F&B director Das Krishnan, fourth left, join their staff for a group photo after completing the 5K run.

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Alyona Gersonde, center, celebrates her first place finish in the women's 30 to 39 age group.



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Marlon Garde, center, joins the men's 30 to 39 age group Top 3 finishers Jace Fernandez, left, and Paquito Dacrepito at the podium.



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Carol and company promoted

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he CNMI's Carol Lee and her two Pacific Oceania teammates were promoted to the elite Group I after making it to the finals of the 2018 Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II last Saturday in Bahrain.

Lee, Samoa's Steffi Carruthers and Papua New Guinea's 👢 Abigail Tere-Apisah Singapore faced

pulled off a 2-1 triumph in their game FedCup last weekend at the Bahrain Tennis Federation hard courts in

in the semifinal round and Isa Town.



Helen Kim attempts a shot near the net during her and Tania Tan's mixed up doubles game against Sean Lee and Ruma Lee in the 2018 Coconut Tennis Classic yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Girls U12 singles semis cast complete

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The Top 2 seeds led the semis cast in the girls U12 singles event in the 2018 Coconut Tennis Classic, which kicked off over the weekend at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

No.1 Helen Kim drew a bye in the six-player field to automatically move into the Final Four and was scheduled to face Serin Chung. The other semis pairing had No. 2 Dana Lee, which also got a bye in the open-

ing week, battling Ye Jin Son. The semis matches were slated yesterday, but maria, results have yet to be posted on the event's website at press time. Son made it to the semis after sweeping Fanai Staffler last

Saturday, 6-1, 6-2, while Chung also took only two sets to eliminate Hoo Wang, 6-3, 6-2.

In the boys U12 singles, only three matches in the round-robin contest were completed last Saturday. Ruma Lee won the opening

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It was a come-from-behind win for No. 61 Pacific Oceania, as the higher-ranked Singapore (No. 58) prevailed in the first singles match. Charmaine Shi Yi Seah gave Singapore a 1-0 lead after outclassing Carruthers, 6-4, 6-4. Then in the second singles match,

Pacific Oceania kept its finals hopes alive as Tere-Apisah eked out a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Stefanie Tan.

Less than an hour after tying the semis, Tere-Apisah returned to the court with Carruthers and completed Pacific Oceania's recovery with an impressive 6-1, 6-1 win over Seah and Tan.

With the close win, Pacific Oceania earned a finals berth and was scheduled to challenge the tournament's No. 1 seed and world No. 33 Uzbekistan in the championship game last night. Uzbekistan eased past No. 4 seed and No. 56 Indonesia in the other semis pairing, 3-0.

Regardless of the results of last night's title match, Pacific Oceania is already assured of a spot in Group I in

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New board eyes to revive badminton

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Merlie Tolentino was elected presi-

dent of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association to lead a new set of board members that aims to revive the sport after more than a year of inactivity.

Tolentino thanked the NMBA members for their trust and said that she would immediately meet with the new board to plan the group's calendar of events for this season.

"Thank you for your trust and for giving me the responsibility to lead our association and serve as your president. Now, it's time to unite so we could move forward and revive badminton," said Tolentino

Chris Hilario and Tommy

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Newly elected president Merlie Tolentino, seated center, joins the board and other officers of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association after the group's election last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.